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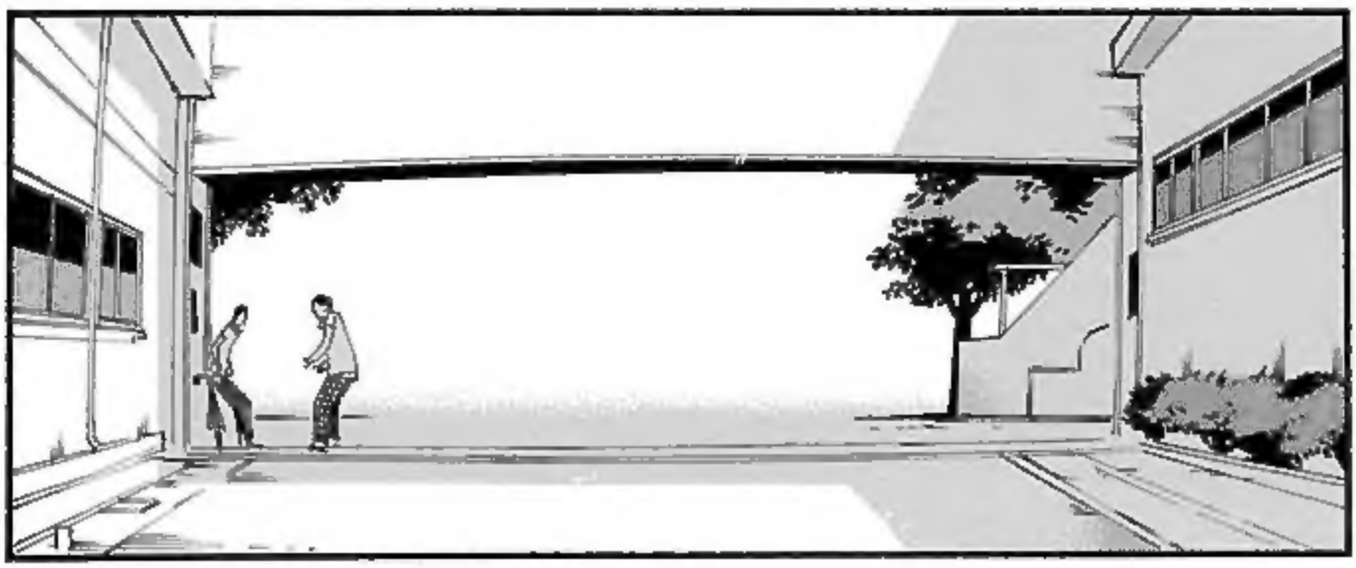
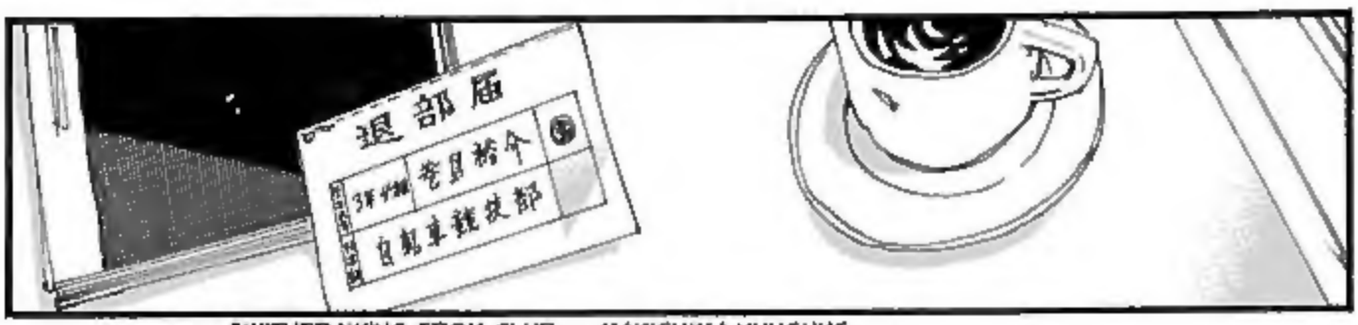
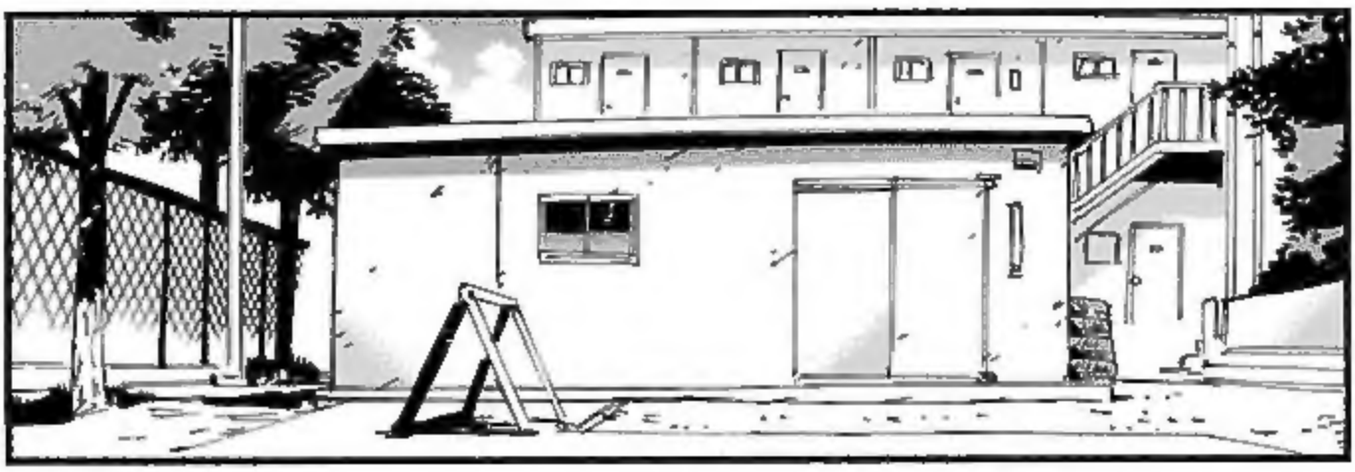
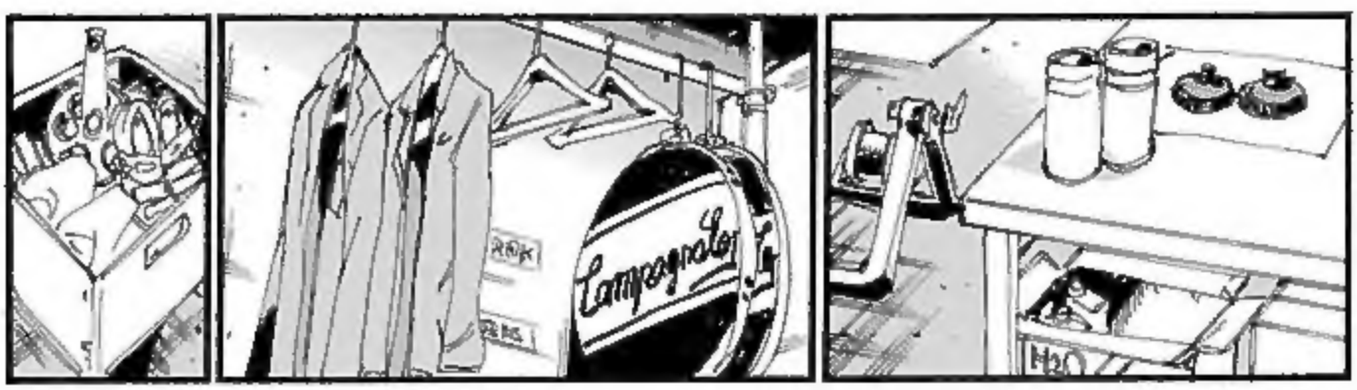


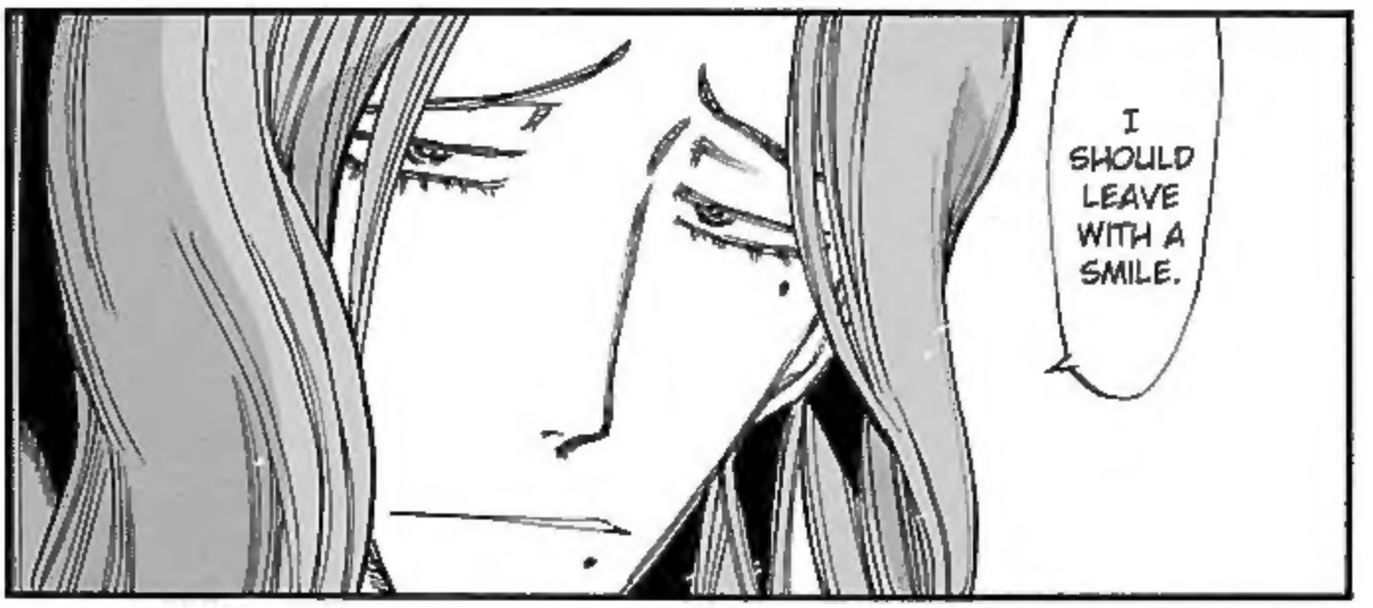


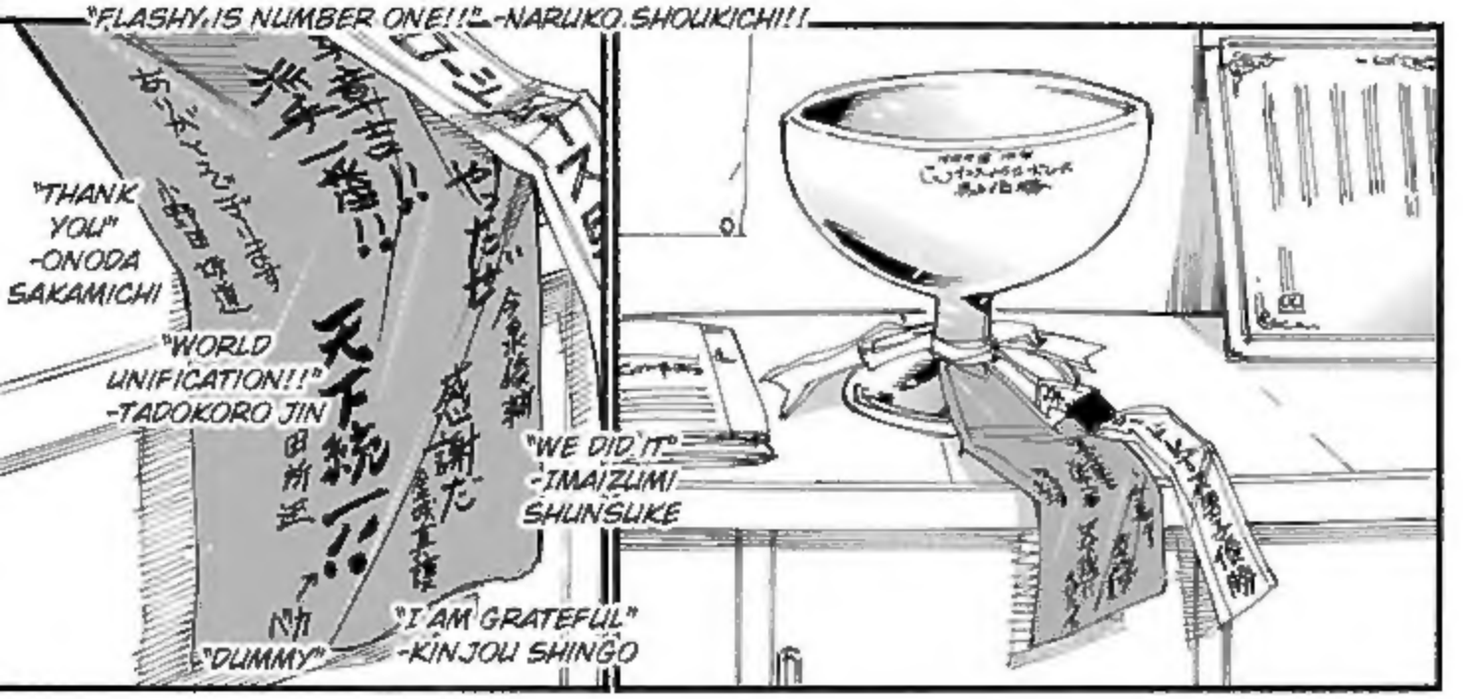
*WITHDRAWING FROM CLUB -- MAKISHIMA YUUSUKE

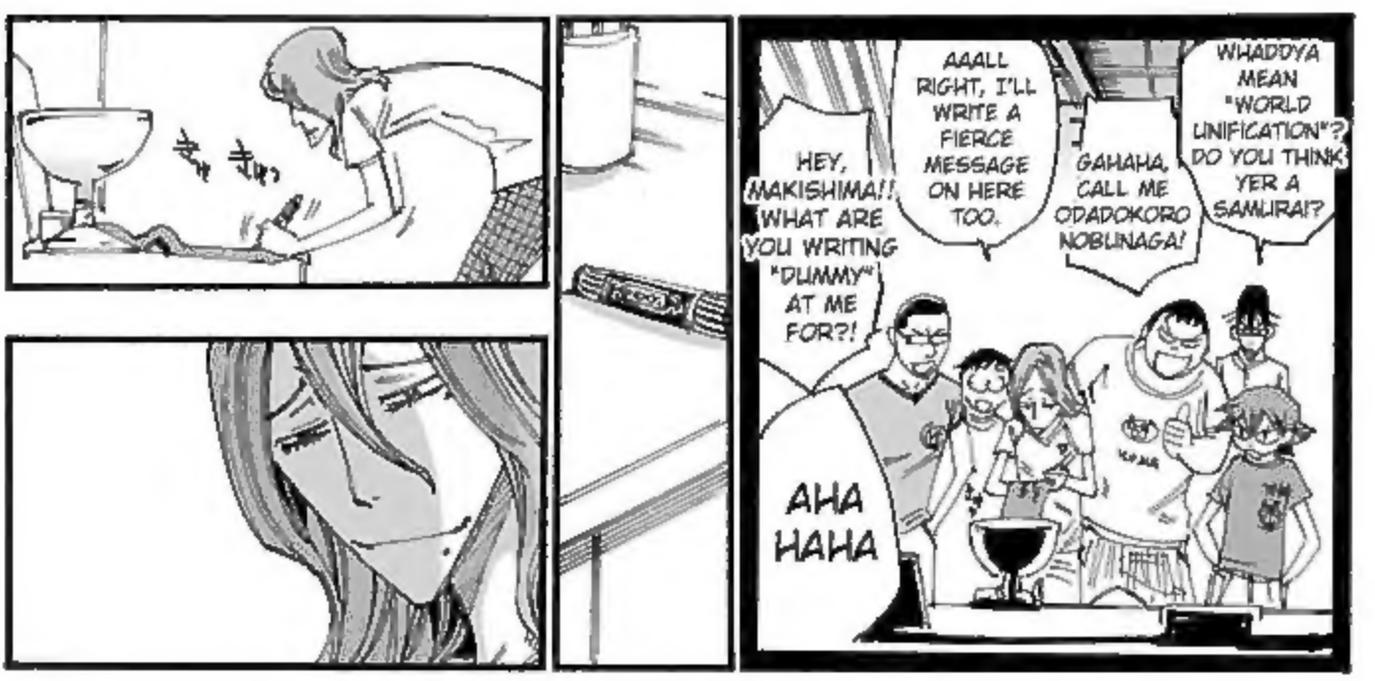



Campagnolo

IT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED.
WE WON IN-HIGH.
WE WON THE TOP.
WHY AM I LOOKING ALL DOWN IN THE DUMPS FOR...


I SHOULD LEAVE WITH A SMILE.


"FLASHY IS NUMBER ONE!!" -NARUKO SHOUKICHI!!
"THANK YOU" -ONODA SAKAMICHI
"WORLD UNIFICATION!!" -TADOKORO JIN
"DUMMY"
"I AM GRATEFUL" -KINJOU SHINGO
"WE DID IT" -IMAIZUMI SHUNSUKE


HEY, MAKISHIMA!! WHAT ARE YOU WRITING "DUMMY" AT ME FOR?!
AAALL RIGHT, I'LL WRITE A FIERCE MESSAGE ON HERE TOO.
GAHAHA, CALL ME ODADOKORO NOBUNAGA!
WHADDYA MEAN "WORLD UNIFICATION"? DO YOU THINK YER A SAMURAI?
AHA HAHA

GUESS I'LL GO CLIMB MINEGA-YAMA FOR THE LAST TIME.
NOW THEN...
天下統一!!
登り一筋
"CLIMBING IS MY LIFE" -MAKISHIMA YUUSUKE
MAKI-SHIMA-SAN?!
EH? I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF DOING THE MENU WITH HOTSHOT RIGHT NOW
EH?
HUH? WE'LL BE BACK AT THE CLUB IN AN HOUR
ONODA-KUN IS USING A DIFFERENT COURSE... EH
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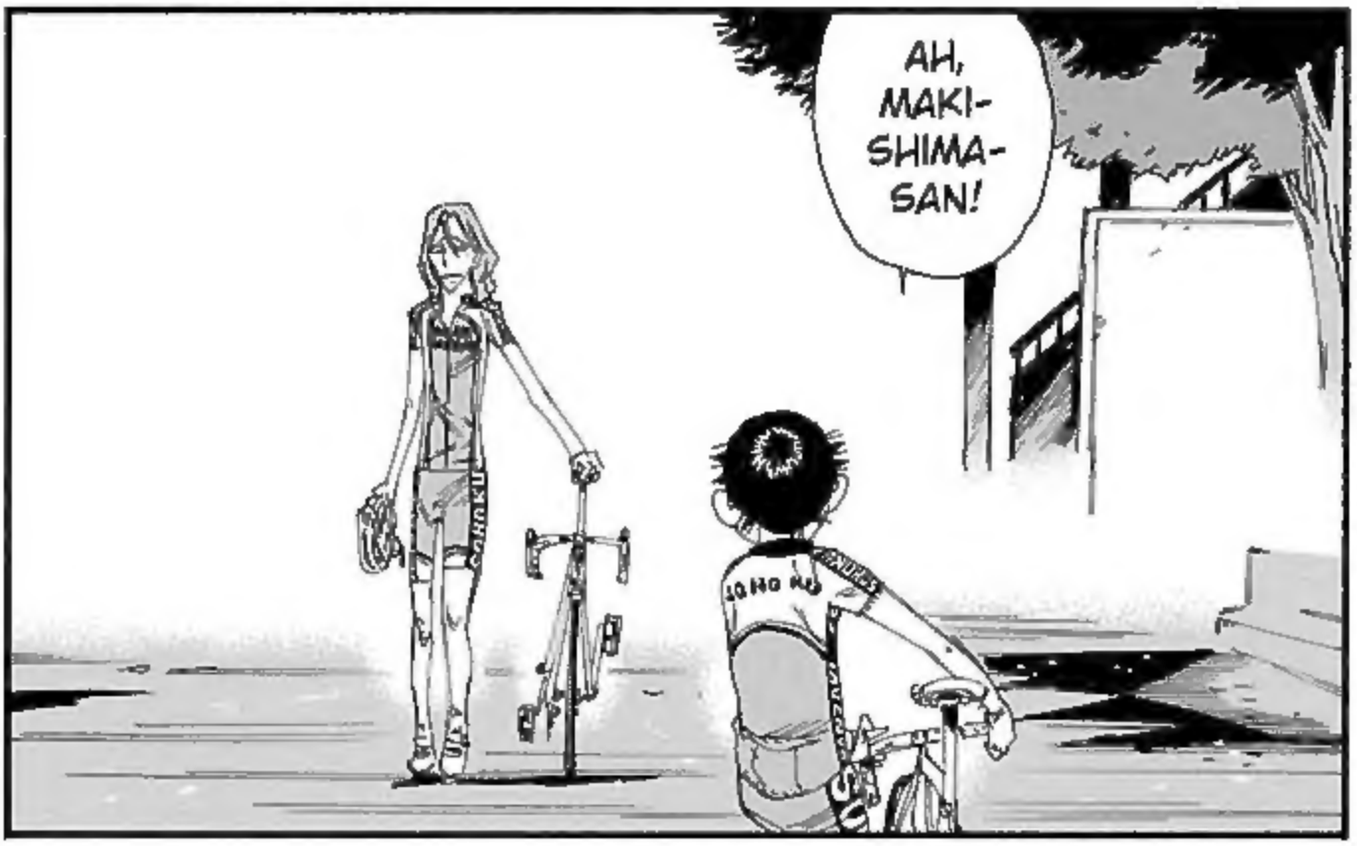
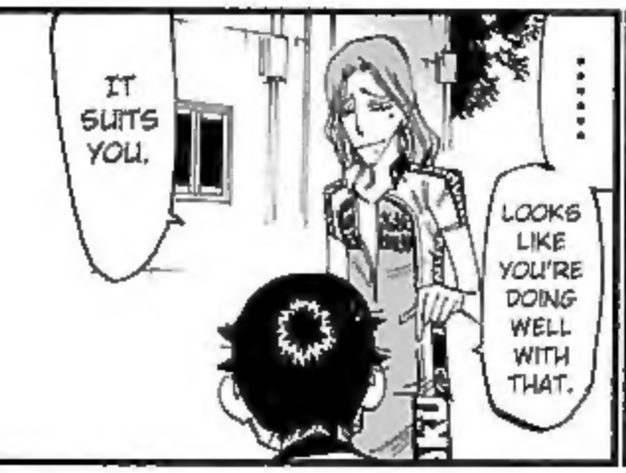
EH... I MEAN, HE NEVER MENTIONED--
UNIVER-SITY?
IT'S A UNIVERSITY OVERSEAS ?!
!
I HEARD IT JUST NOW MYSELF AND I'M AT A LOSS.
ALSO, UNIVERSITIES OVER THERE START IN SEPTEMBER.

I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN HE KEPT GOING TO THE LIBRARY AFTER IN-HIGH WAS OVER...
SEPTEMBER ?! SEPTEMBER ...
Y-
YA MEAN, THIS YEAR SEPTEM-BER?!
APPARENTLY HE FINISHED ALL OF THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS HERE EARLY
AND GOT ACCEPTED TO A UNIVERSITY OVERSEAS.
HUH ?!

HE'S GOT AN OLDER BROTHER WHO'S LIVING INDEPEN-DENTLY
IN ENGLAND RIGHT NOW, SO HE'S GOING TO A UNI-VERSITY
OVER THERE WHILE HELPING HIS BROTHER AT THE JOB.
WHAT THE HELL?!
HE NEVER SAID ANY-THING!
HE NEVER TOLD ME EITHER.
IS MAKISHIMA-'SAN EVEN GOING TO KEEP BIKING?!
HE CAN'T JOIN!
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT
WHAT ABOUT THE SEND-OFF RACE FOR THE THIRD-YEARS THAT'S COMING UP?!


AH, MAKI-SHIMA-SAN!
SOHOKU


IT SUITS YOU.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL WITH THAT.
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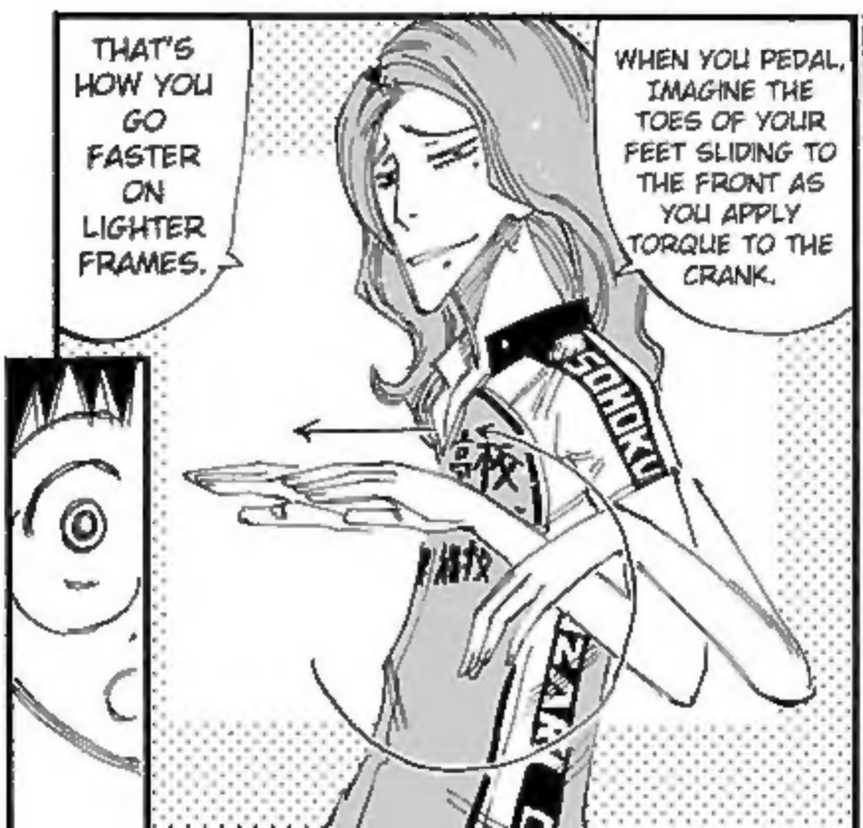
ARE YOU HEADING TO PRACTICE NOW?


THAT'S HOW YOU GO FASTER ON LIGHTER FRAMES.
WHEN YOU PEDAL, IMAGINE THE TOES OF YOUR FEET SLIDING TO THE FRONT AS YOU APPLY TORQUE TO THE CRANK.
SOHOKU

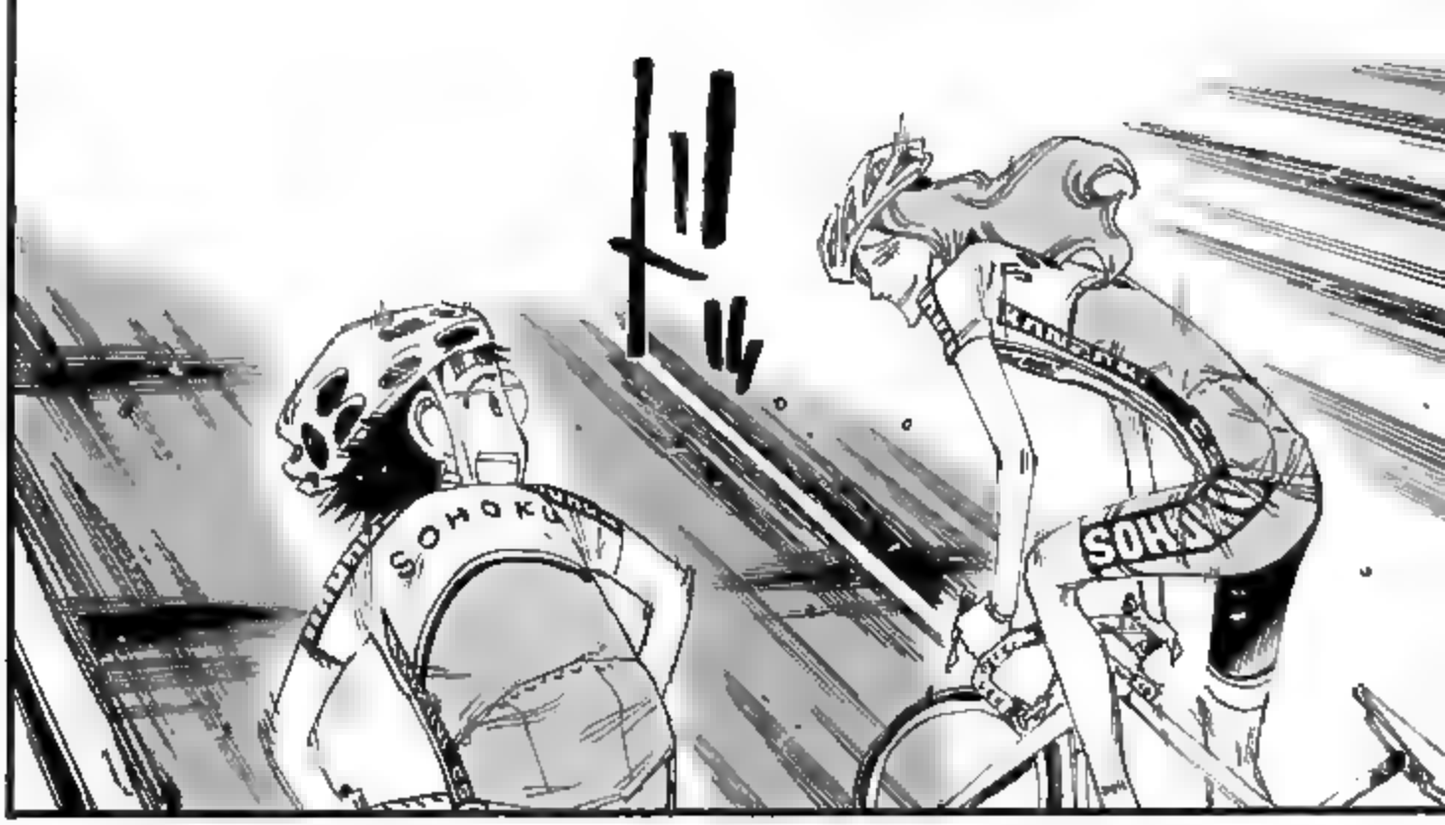
NO WAY!
EH?!

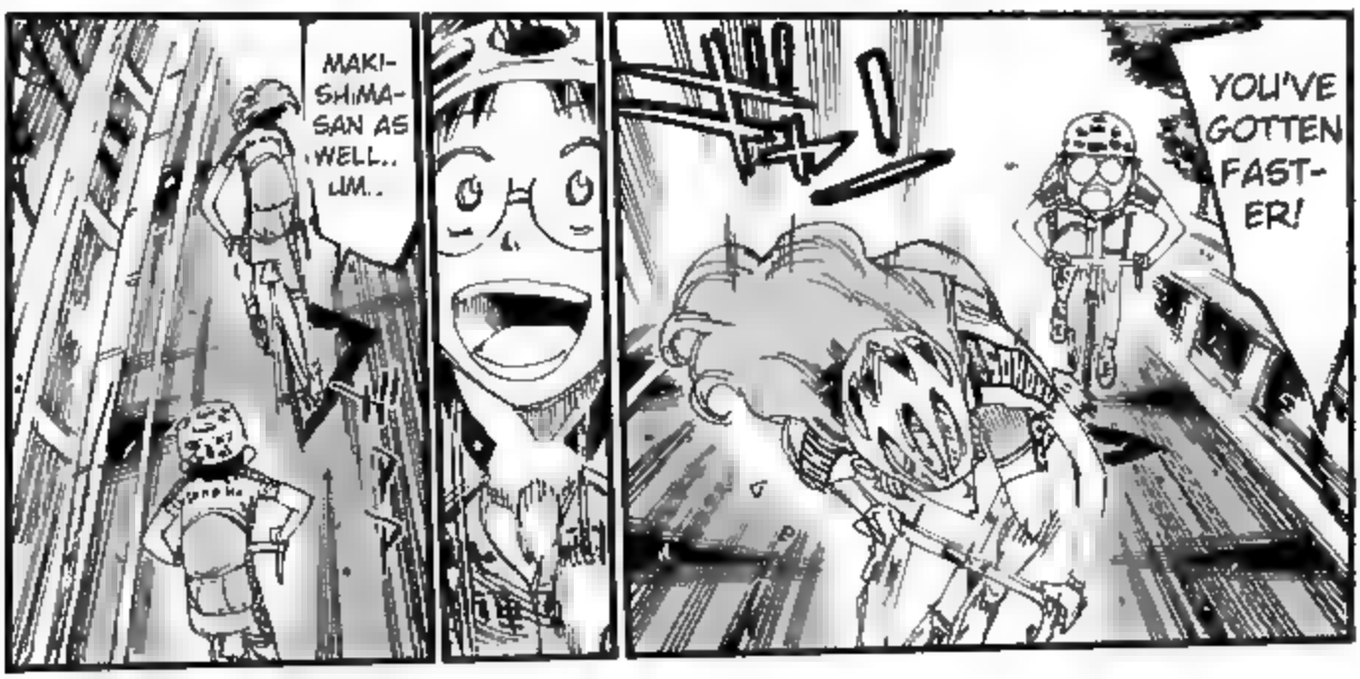
KWAH
I'M STILL NOT WORTHY OF IT...
I STILL CAN'T MAKE PROPER USE OUT OF IT...
MY OLD HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK...

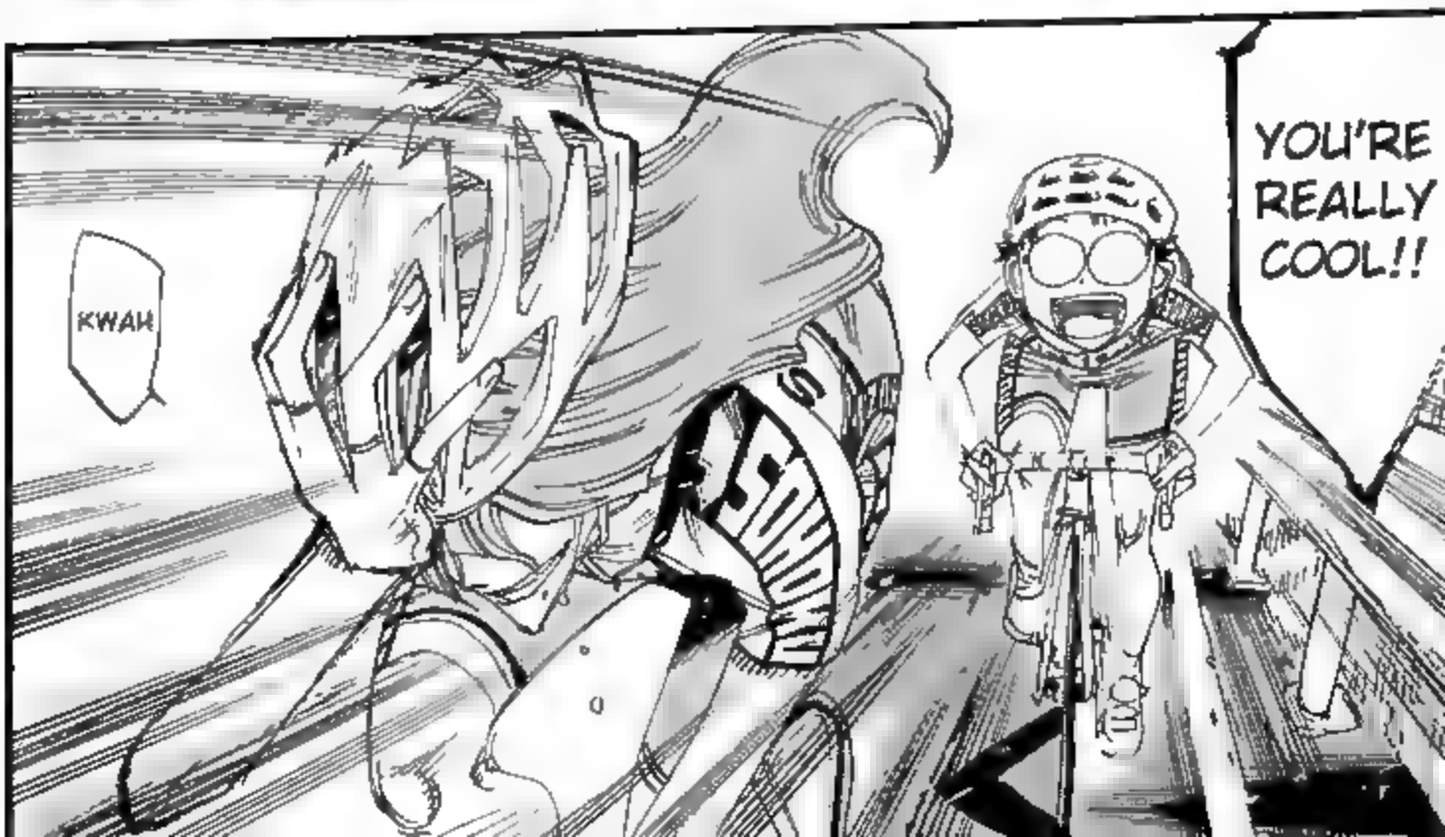
SLIDING ... AHH... AH!
I SEE!
THANK YOU, I'LL TRY THAT!
ONO-DA.
I'M ABOUT TO GO CIRCLE MINEGA-YAMA ONCE.
WANT TO JOIN ME?
I ACTUALLY JUST CAME DOWN FROM MINEGA-YAMA
AND I'M FINISHED WITH PRACTICE.
UM IS IT OKAY

IF WE PUT IT OFF FOR ANOTHER TIME?
SURE.
SLIDING, HUH...

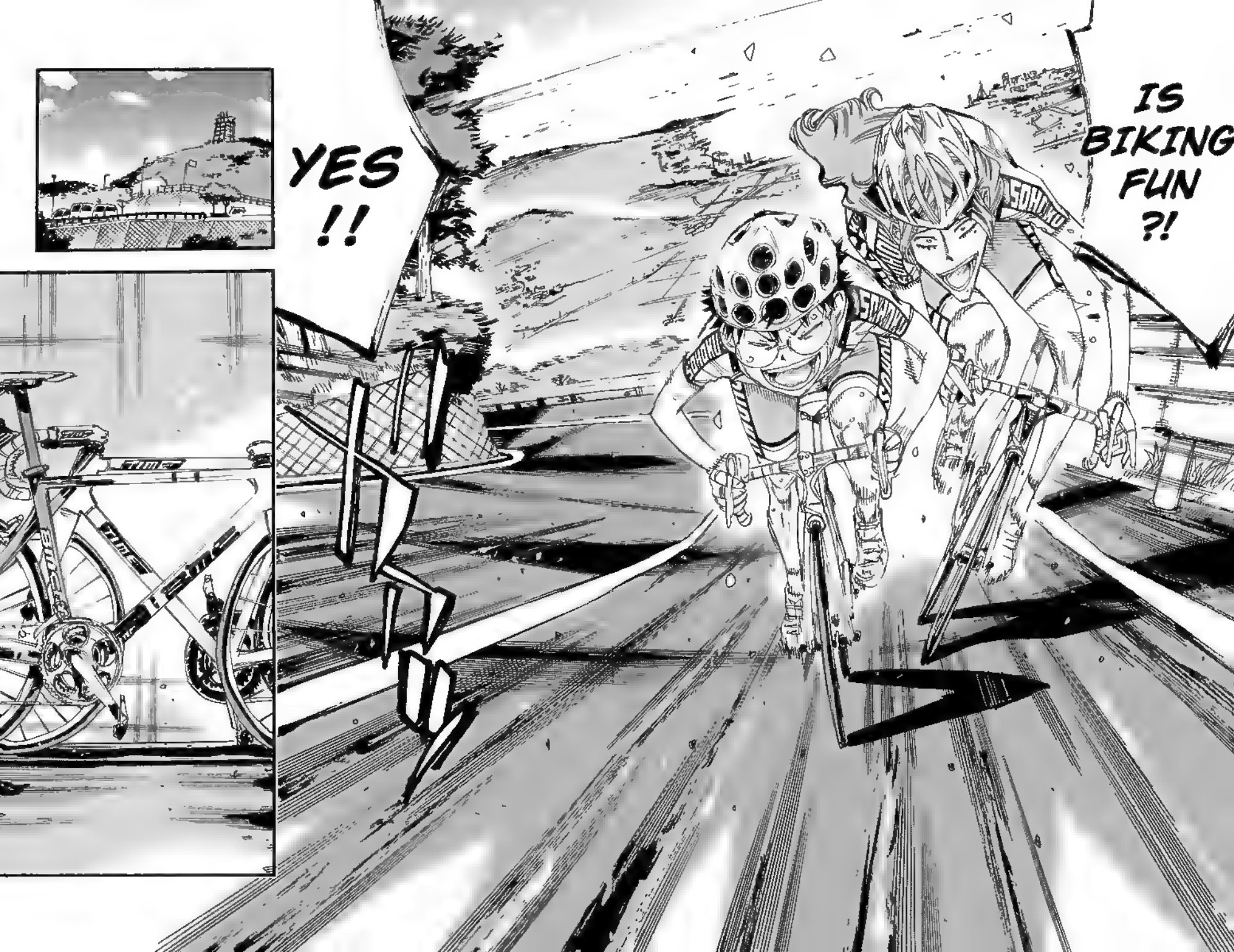
LET'S GO!!
CAN I GO WITH YOU AFTER ALL?
UM!
SOHOKU
SURE.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S SHARP OR IF HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT...
THIS GUY... KWAH...!!
BESIDES, THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME THAT MAKISHIMA-SAN HAS INVITED ME TO RIDE OUTSIDE THE TRAINING MENU!
A TROUBLED FEELING
JUST CREPT OVER ME A BIT
LET'S GO TO MINEGAYAMA.
AH...
IS THAT STRANGE?

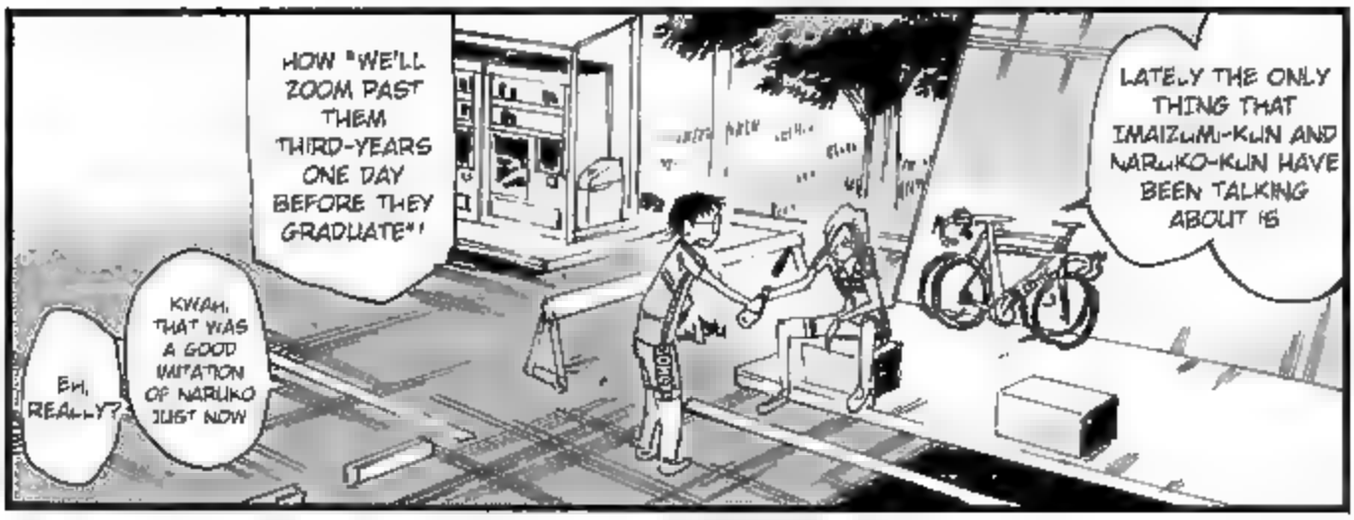

SOHOKU
SOHO


MAKI-SHIMA-SAN AS WELL.. UM..
YOU'VE GOTTEN FAST-ER!

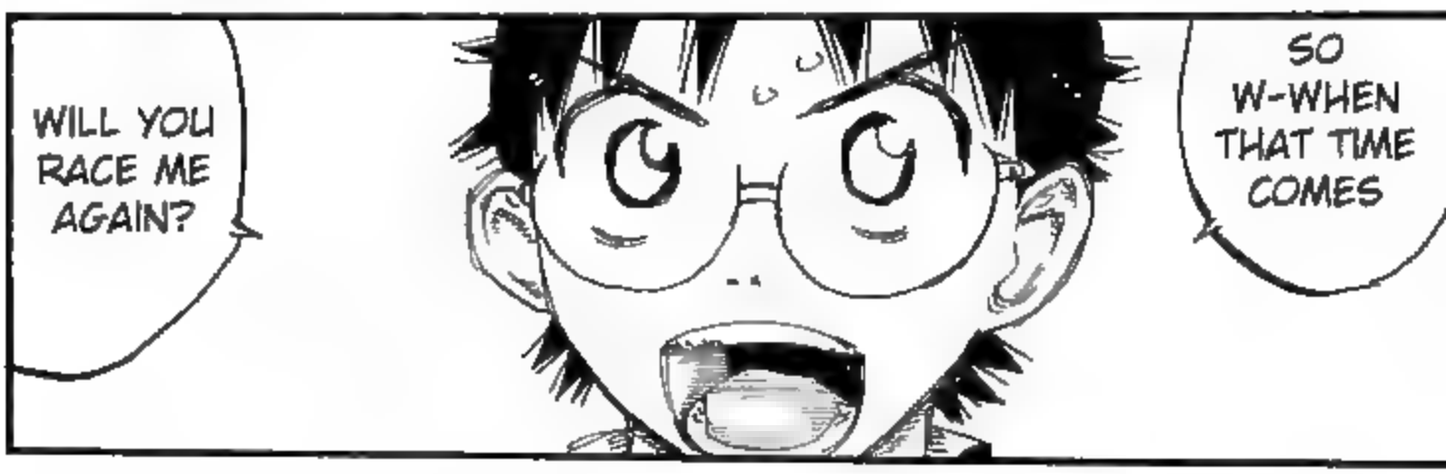

KWAH
YOU'RE REALLY COOL!!

YOU SHOULD JUST SAY I'M "SCARY"!!
SAKA-MICHI !!
YES, SIR!
HEY, SAKA-MICHI!!
SOHO KU


YES !!
IS BIKING FUN ?!


LATELY THE ONLY THING THAT IMAIZUMI-KUN AND NARUKO-KUN HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IS
HOW "WE'LL ZOOM PAST THEM THIRD-YEARS ONE DAY BEFORE THEY GRADUATE"!
KWAH, THAT WAS A GOOD IMITATION OF NARUKO JUST NOW
EH, REALLY?

TODAY, I LOST IN THE END
BUT I ALSO WANT TO GET STRONGER BEFORE MAKISHIMA-SAN GRADUATES
IN SOME WAY, IF POSSIBLE ...


SO W-WHEN THAT TIME COMES
WILL YOU RACE ME AGAIN?

WHEN YOU RIDE, I'M ALWAYS RIGHT THERE WITH YOU
THINK THAT WAY
AND YOU'LL GET TO RACE ME ANYWHERE, ANY TIME YOU WANT
.....

GET STRO-NGER
...MAKI-SHIMA-KUN
高校競輪競技部
SO GET PAST ME.
ON THE UPHILL CURVES OF A WINDING ROAD
ON AN ENDLESS SINGLE ROAD
ON COUNTRY ROADS COVERED WITH GRASS
NEXT YEAR
AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT
I'LL BE THERE RIDING IN FRONT OF YOU.

I LEAVE OUR SOHOKU
IN YOUR HANDS, SAKA-MICHI
SOHOKU
TE-SHIMA ...
YES, SIR
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY
YES, SIR
SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL'S ROAD RACING CLUB'S

YES, SIR!!
NEXT CAPTAIN IS
SECOND-YEAR, TESHIMA JUNTA!!
STAR
NEXT YEAR'S INTER-HIGH IS ALREADY UNDER-WAY!!
KEEP RIDING, EVEN IF IT'S A SECOND MORE!!

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So long, MAKISHIMA.

!
!!
SHOHOKU
KANZA
SHOHOKU
SHOHOKU
SHOW ME HOW STRONG YOU'VE GOTTEN FROM IN-HIGH.
COME ON.
!!

YOU ENDURED THE HARSH TRAINING AND FOLLOWED ME. YOU RODE WELL IN THE RACES.
I WAS ABLE TO SPEND MY TERM AS CAPTAIN IN TRUE HAPPINESS
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THANK YOU.
I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL.

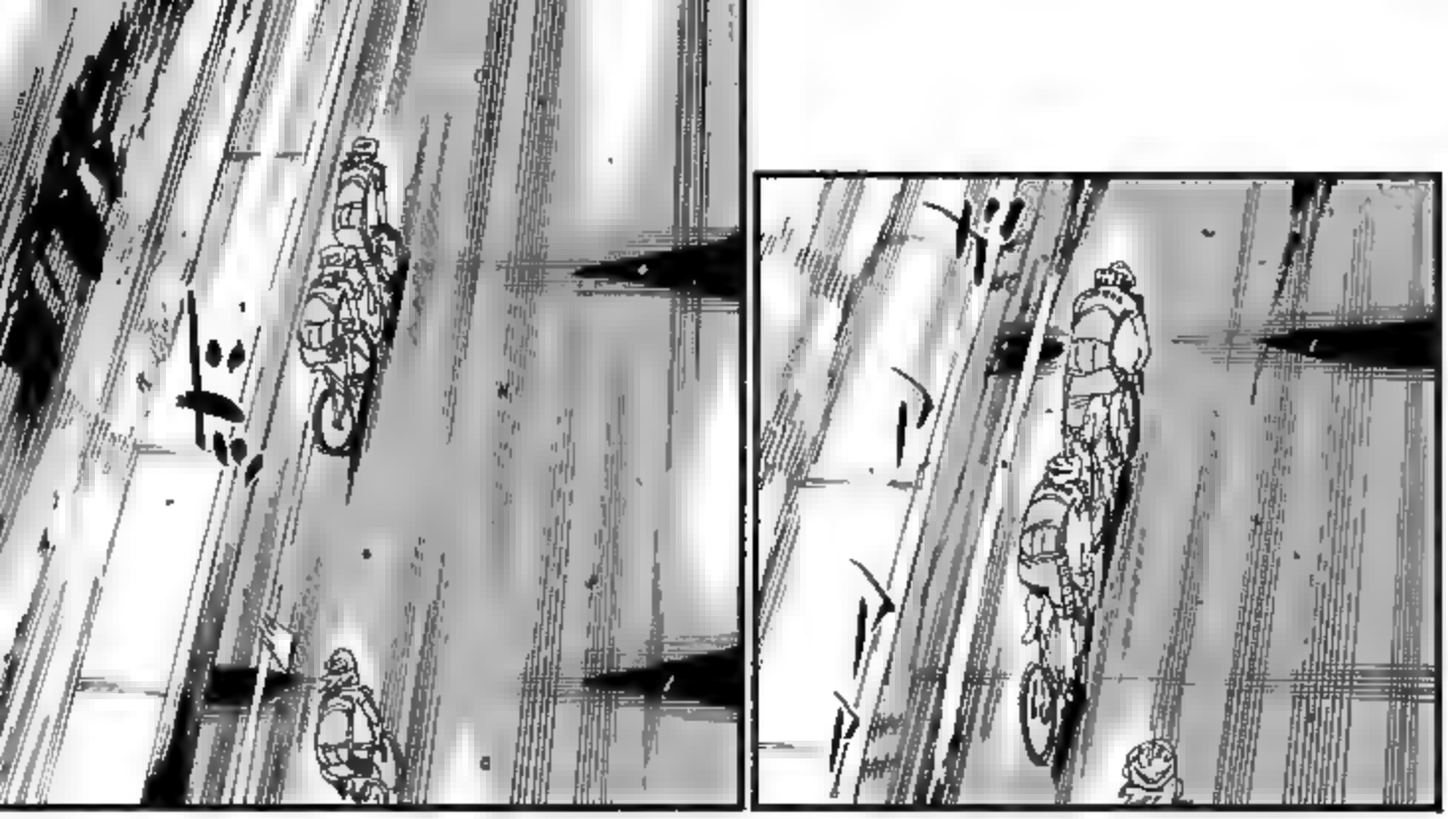
THE REST
GAHAHA, WE REALLY ARE THE HAPPY ONES.
SAME HERE
NOT AT ALL.
NOT AT ALL
THANK YOU!!
IT REALLY WAS THE BEST
IS UP TO YOU GUYS NOW!
SOH

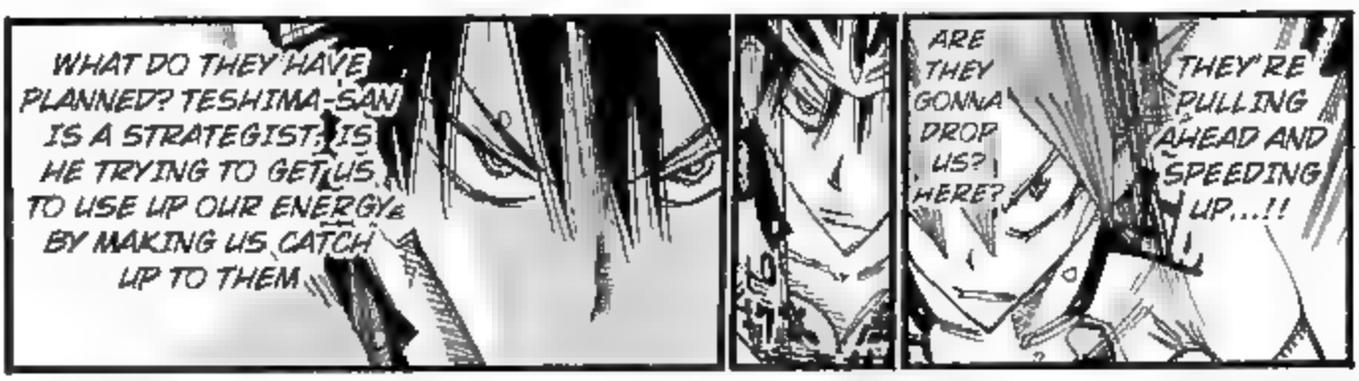
VICE-CAPTAIN, AOYAGI HAJIME!!
CAPTAIN TESHIMA JUNTA!!

!
!
AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S BEEN BURDENED ONTO US.
WE HAVE BROUGHT DOWN THE KINGS, HAKONE ACADEMY.
SOHOKU HAS WON.
STRESS, RESPON-SIBILITY,
THE WINNING TEAM'S
.....
AND PRESS-URE.
AND THAT IS BECAUSE WE
REGARD-LESS OF THE CIRCUM-STANCES
NO MATTER WHAT.
WHILE NOT LETTING THAT AFFECT US.
WE WILL BE MARKED BY ALL OF THE OTHER TEAMS.
EVEN AT THE RACES BEFORE IT
AT THE NEXT IN-HIGH ...NO
WE MUST WIN

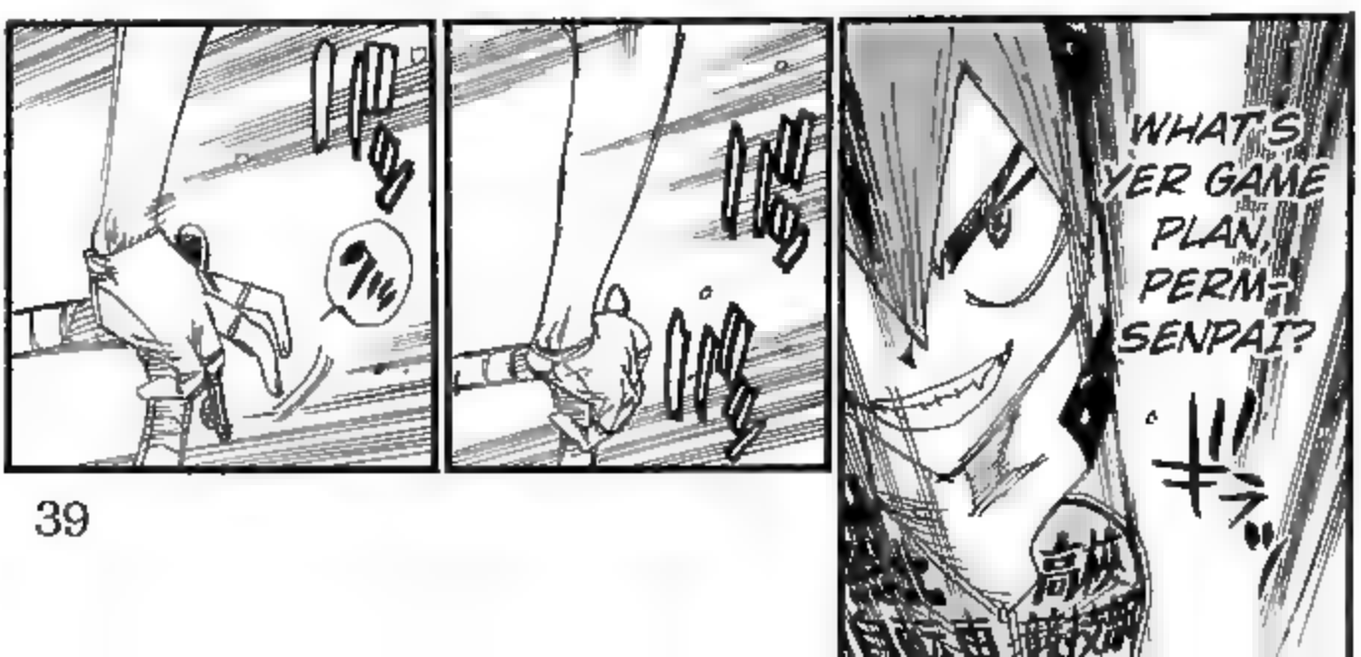
THEY MOVED UP ON US
"SHOW ME," HE SAYS?
INTEREST-ING!! SO YA INTEND TO RACE US, PERM-SENPAI?
DIDN'T YOU JUST HEAR ME? THAT'S WHAT I SAID
FROM THIS POINT TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS ROAD
BE-CAUSE WE ARE THE "KINGS"!!
WILL BE WEARING THE SINGLE DIGIT LOGOS AT THE NEXT INTER-HIGH
SOHOKU

IT'S A RACE!!




WHAT DO THEY HAVE PLANNED? TESHIMA-SAN IS A STRATEGIST. IS HE TRYING TO GET US TO USE UP OUR ENERGY BY MAKING US CATCH UP TO THEM
ARE THEY GONNA DROP US? HERE?
THEY'RE PULLING AHEAD AND SPEEDING UP...!!

ON THIS 15 KILOMETER FLAT COURSE?


WHAT'S YER GAME PLAN, PERM-SENPAI?
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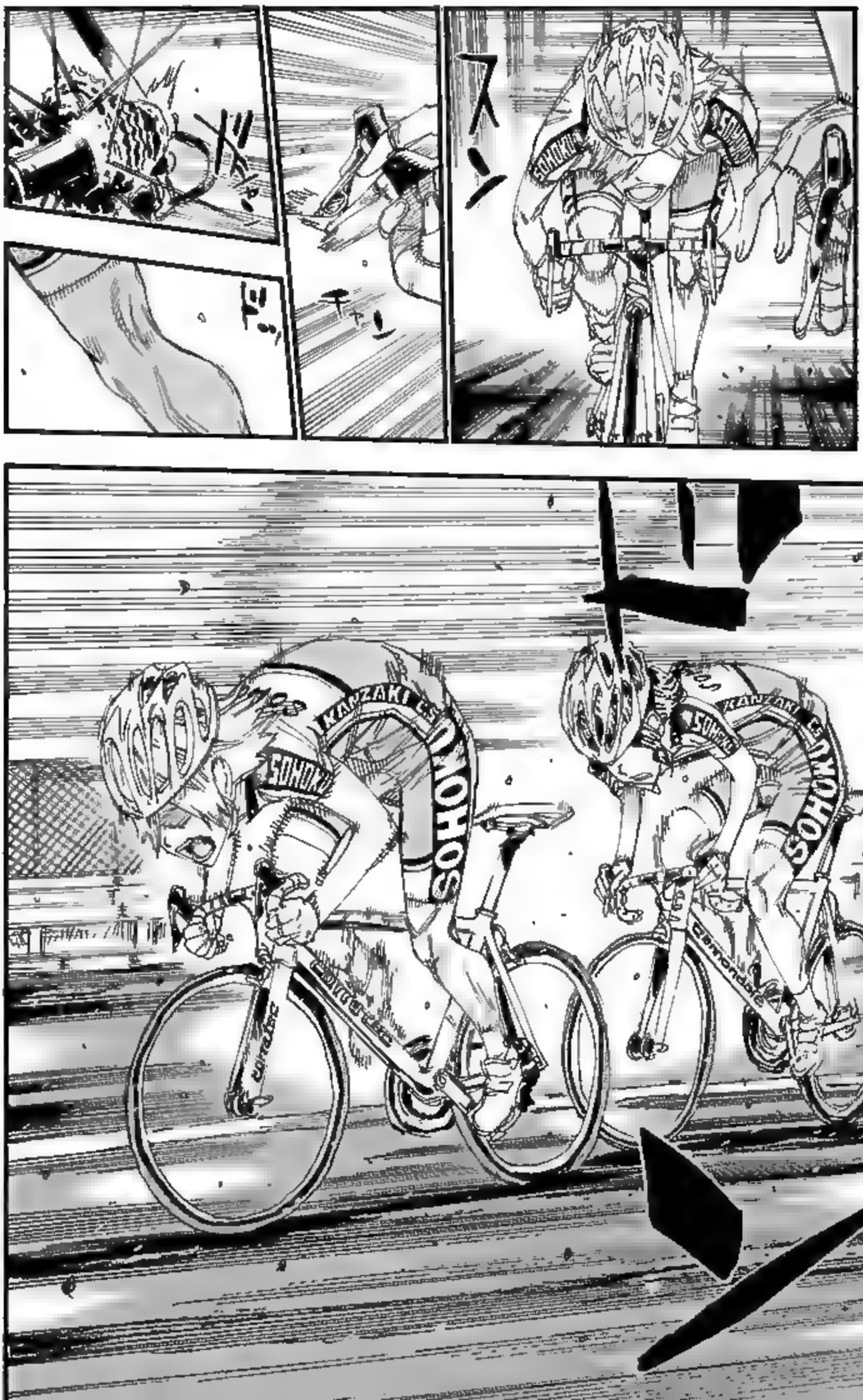
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KANZAKI
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NA-
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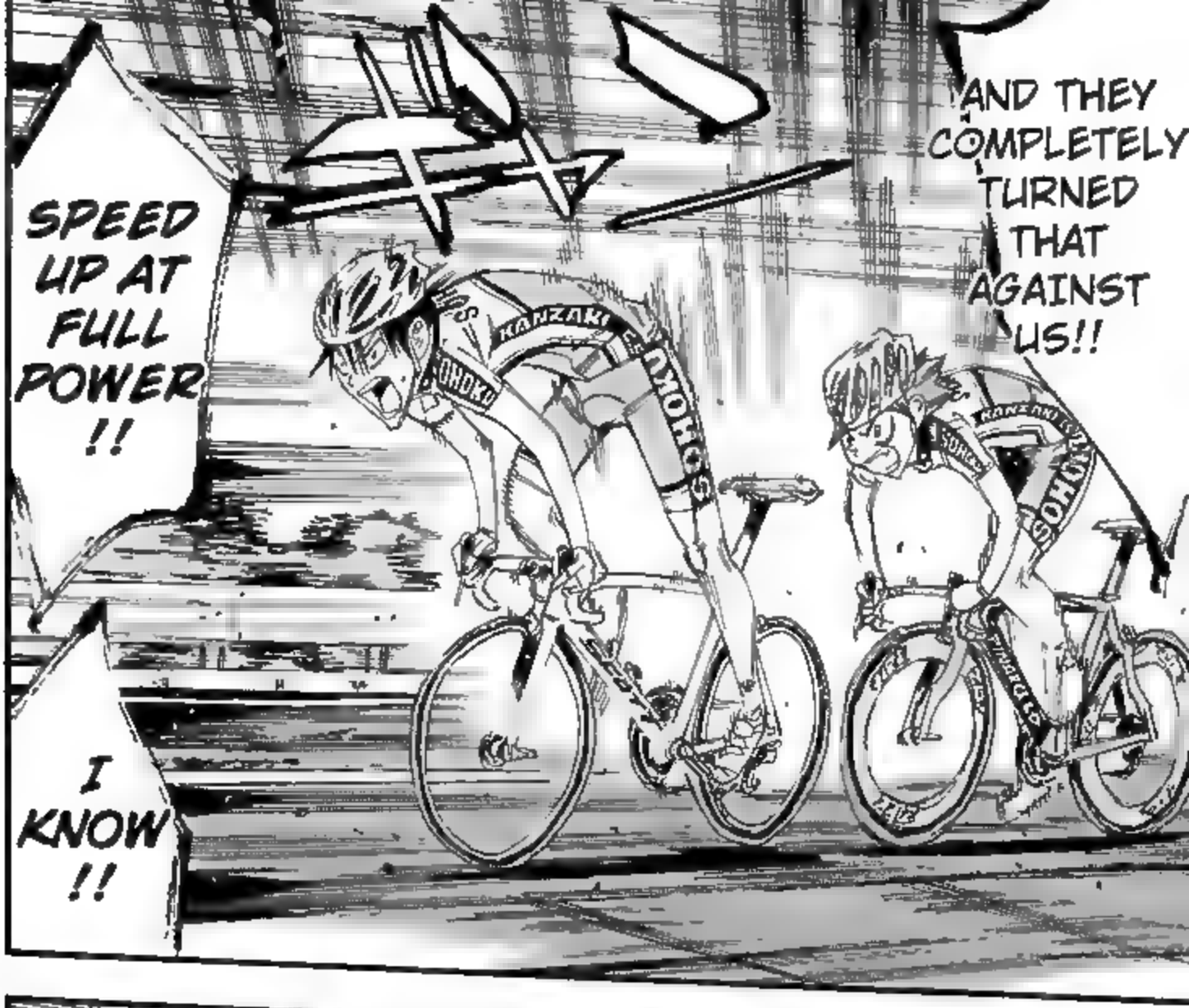
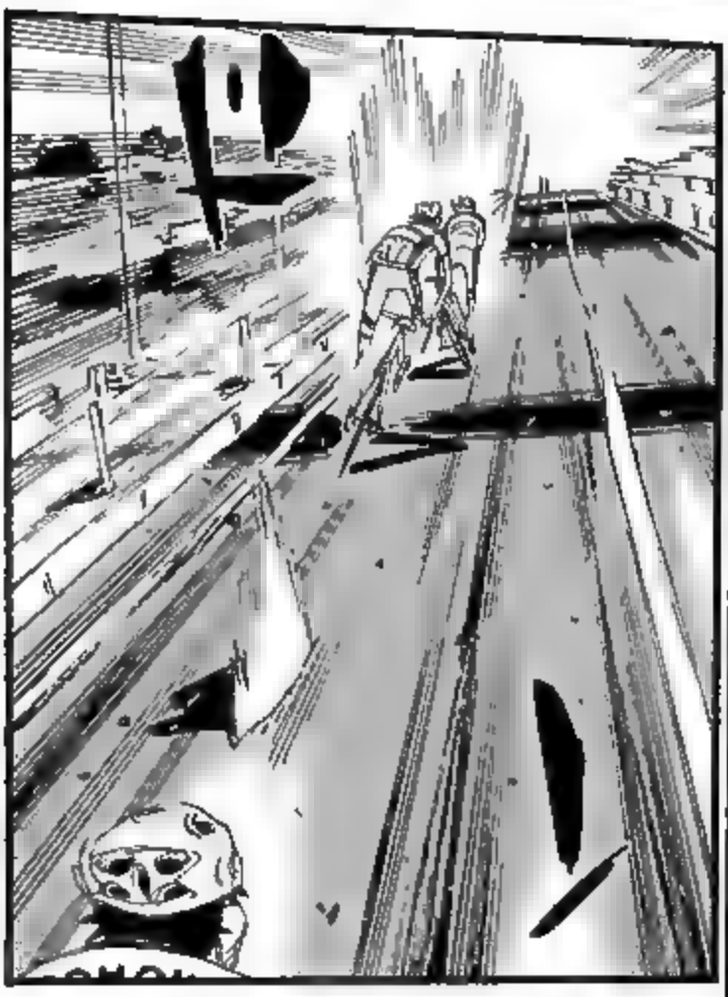
KO
!!
HUH?
SILENT-SENPAI MOVED UP!! THE "TWO-PERSON" RIDING THEY DID BACK IN THE WELCOME RACE WHERE THEY SWITCHED LEADS IS STILL GOING STRONG AS EVER!!
THERE IS NO STRATEGY!! THOSE TWO
I KNOW!
ARE PLANNING TO DROP US USING PURE STRENGTH!!
THEY'RE WEAK SO THEY'LL USE A STRATEGY TO MAKE UP FOR THEIR LACK OF POWER. THAT'S WHAT WE PREDICTED
SONOKU


SPEED UP AT FULL POWER !!
I KNOW !!
AND THEY COMPLETELY TURNED THAT AGAINST US!!
KANZAKI
SOHOKU



WE HAVE TO !!
THINK WE CAN CATCH UP AT THIS DISTANCE ?!

THOSE ARE THE LEGS OF PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN PRACTICING LIKE CRAZY!!
THEIR LEGS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HOW THEY WERE IN TRAINING CAMP!!
I'M AN IDOT! HOW COULD I NOT HAVE SEEN IT? IT DIDN'T EVEN CROSS MY MIND AND IT'S WAY TOO LATE NOW!! LOOKING CLOSER, THOSE TWO
RAAAA-AAAAH!!
AND THEY ARE GROWING STRON-GER.
PARTI-CULARLY AOYAGI. HE .
EVEN AFTER THE TRAINING CAMP ENDED, THEY CONTINUED TO KEEP TRAINING WITHOUT REST.
ONE MORE
NOD
WHO CAN TELL.
THINK THE FIRST-YEARS WILL CATCH UP?
SO I DOUBT THEY PAID MUCH ATTEN-TION TO THE SECOND-YEARS
THEY WERE WRAPPED UP IN THEIR OWN ISSUES BEFORE INTER-HIGH
TTW

IS AWAKENING TO HIS TALENTS AS A SPRINTER!!
KANZAKI
SOHOKU
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もり
AO-YA-GI.
NOD
70%
RAAH
WHAT % ARE YOU AT NOW?
THEN PICK IT UP TO 100% AND THROW THESE GUYS OFF ON THESE LAST 2 KILO-METERS
OKAY!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, NARUKO
ARE THOSE SPECIAL DEEP WHEELS OF YOURS JUST FOR SHOW?
IMA-IZUMI ... DON'T THINK
KUH !!
THAT YOUR POSITION AS ACE IS PERMANENT.
!!

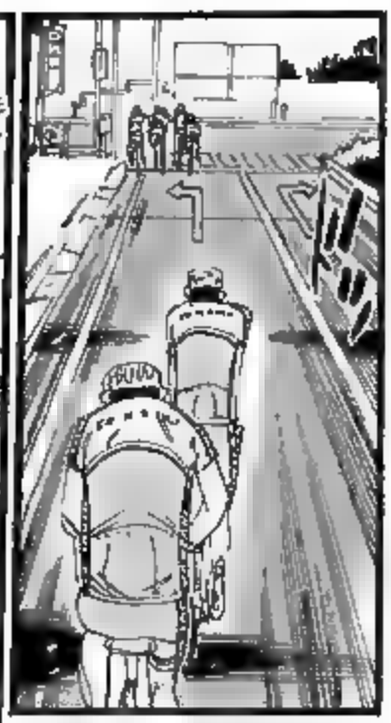
WE-- THE SECOND GENERATION OF SOHOKU
IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH ...!!
WILL GROW STRON-GER!!
YES, SIR!!

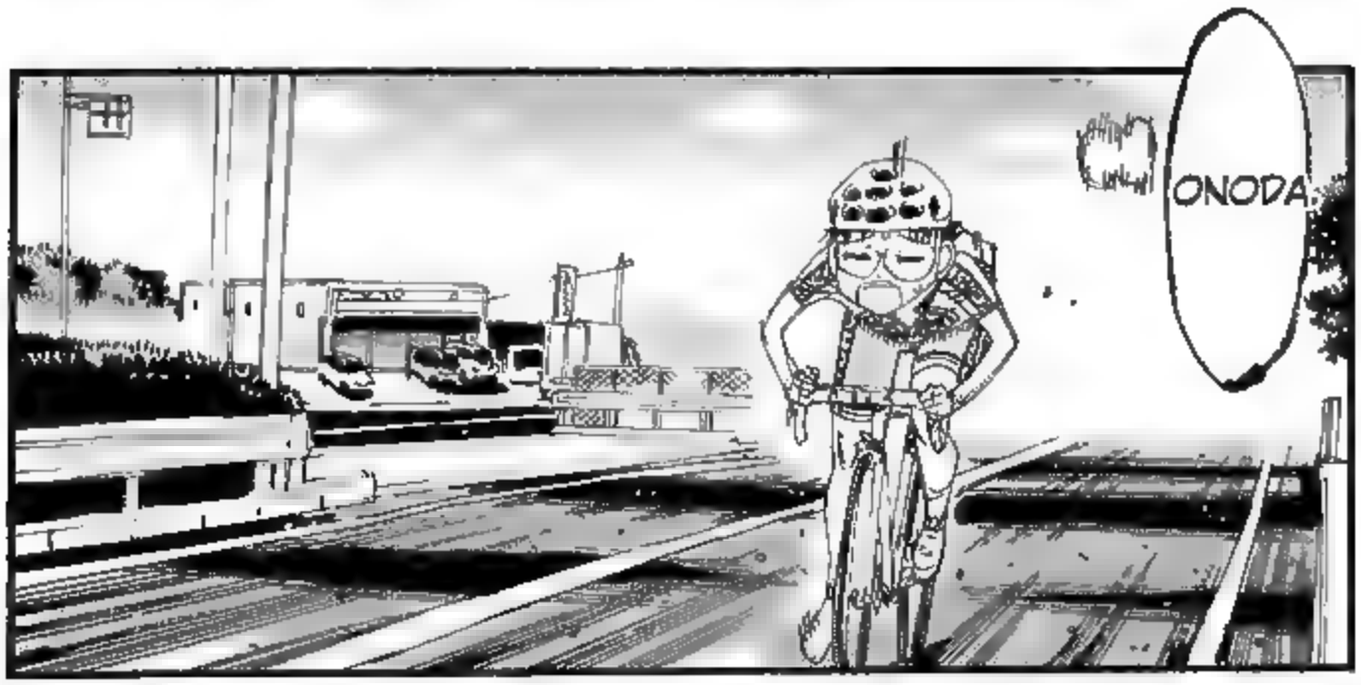
BUT ...

THAT GUY'S THE ONE WHO WORRIES ME THE MOST.

THAT IS ROAD-RACING !!

THEY LOOK SO FRUS-TRATED
LOOKS LIKE THE SECOND-YEARS WON
"THEY'RE OF A LOWER LEVEL THAN ME"
THAT SINGLE MOMENT OF UNDERESTIMATION WILL MAKE THEM LOSE THEIR GREATEST CHANCE

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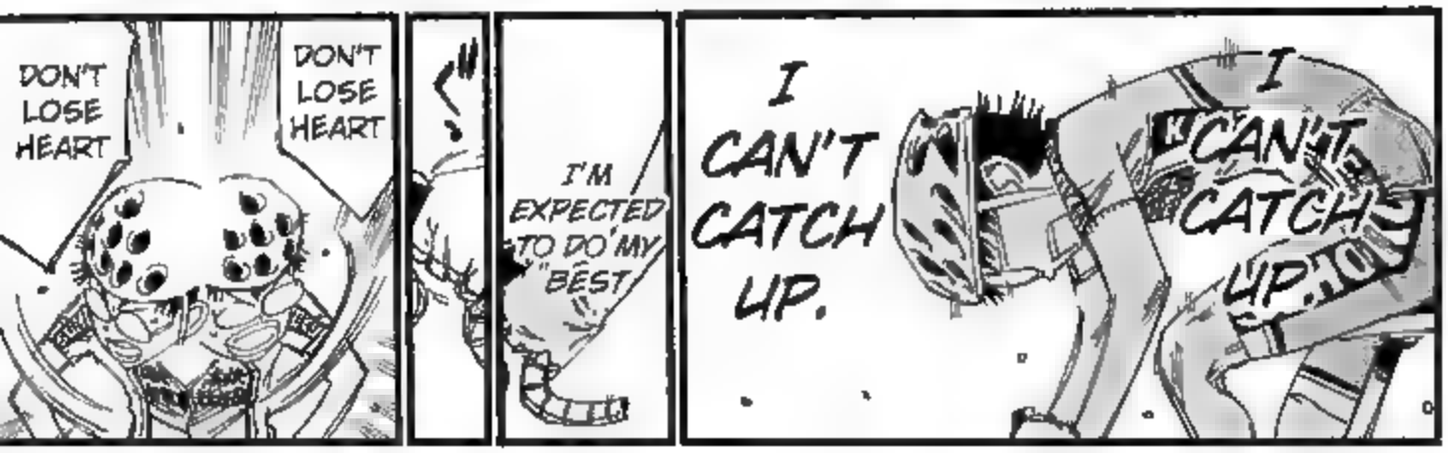
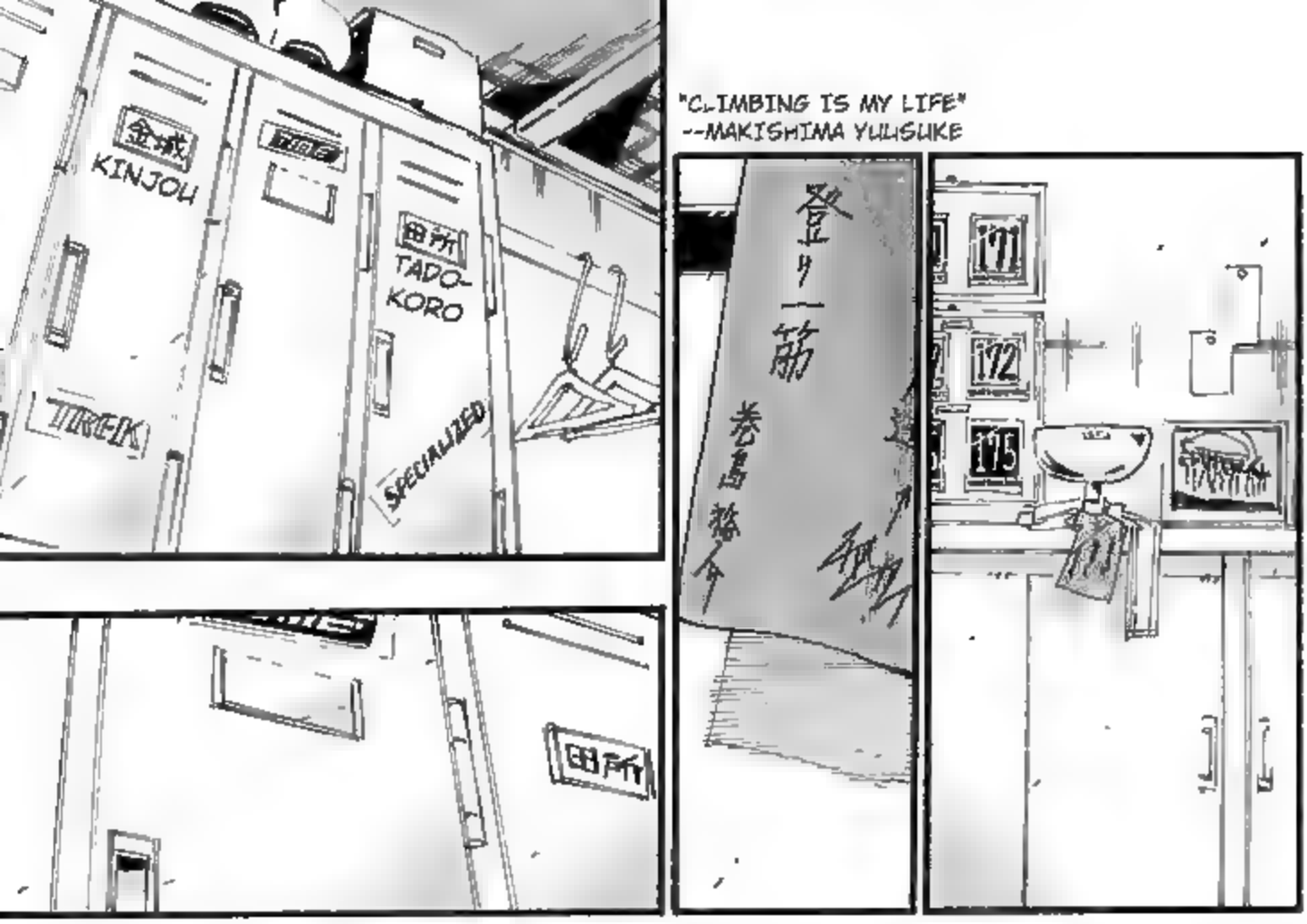
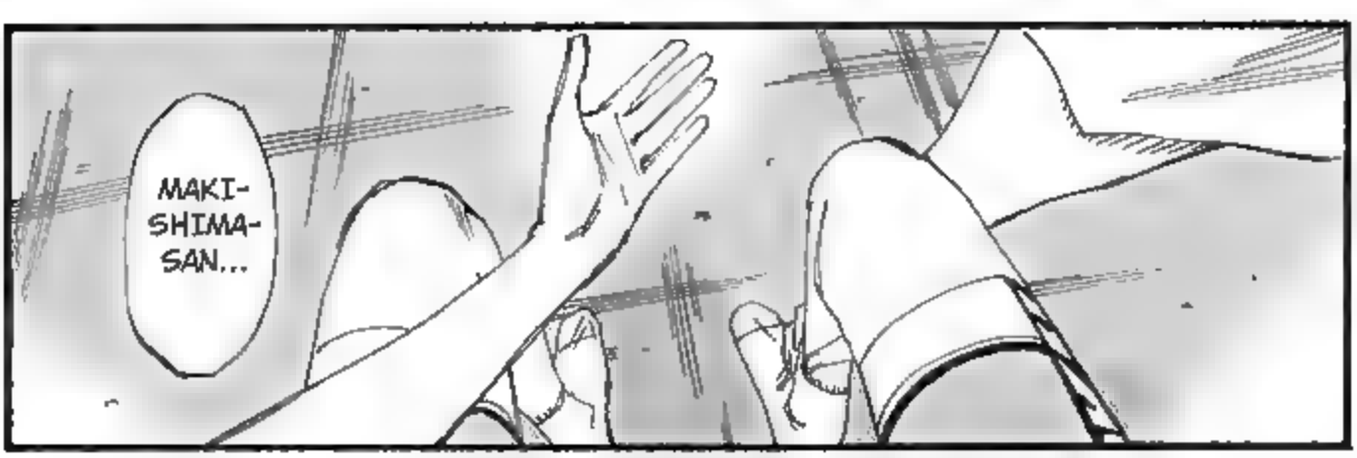

DON'T LOSE HEART
DON'T LOSE HEART
I'M EXPECTED TO DO MY BEST
I CAN'T CATCH UP.
I CAN'T CATCH UP.

WHEN THAT TIME COMES, WILL YOU RACE ME AGAIN?

MAKI-SHIMA WILL BE LEAVING THE CLUB AS OF TODAY.
AS YOU ALL KNOW BY NOW
MAKI-SHIMA-SAN...
DON'T LOSE HEART...
WHAT DO I DO... TO GET STRONGER...
"GET STRONGER"
SOHOKU





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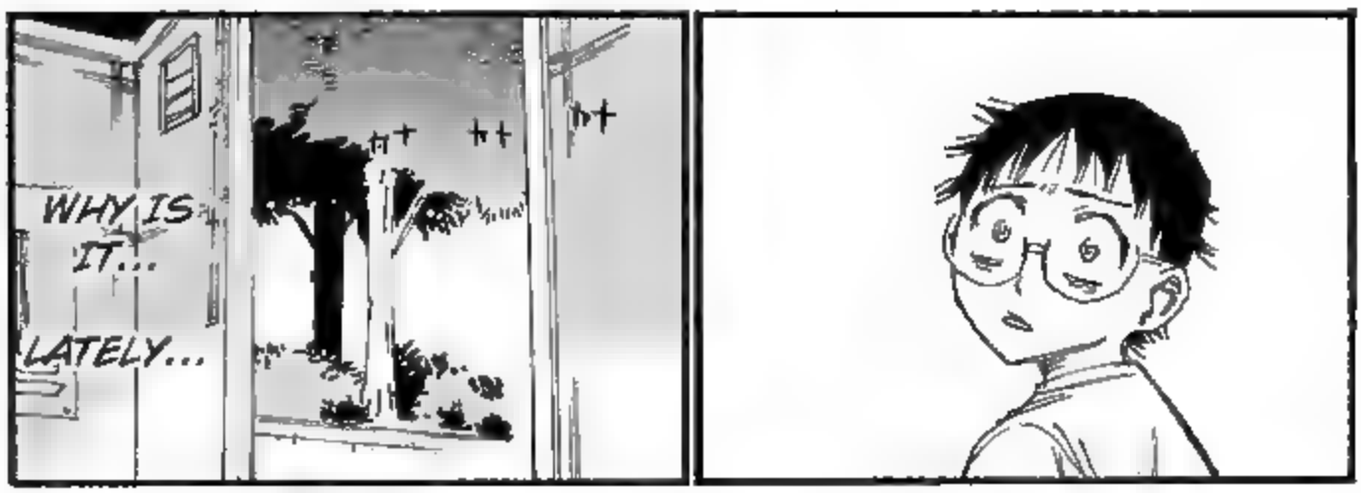
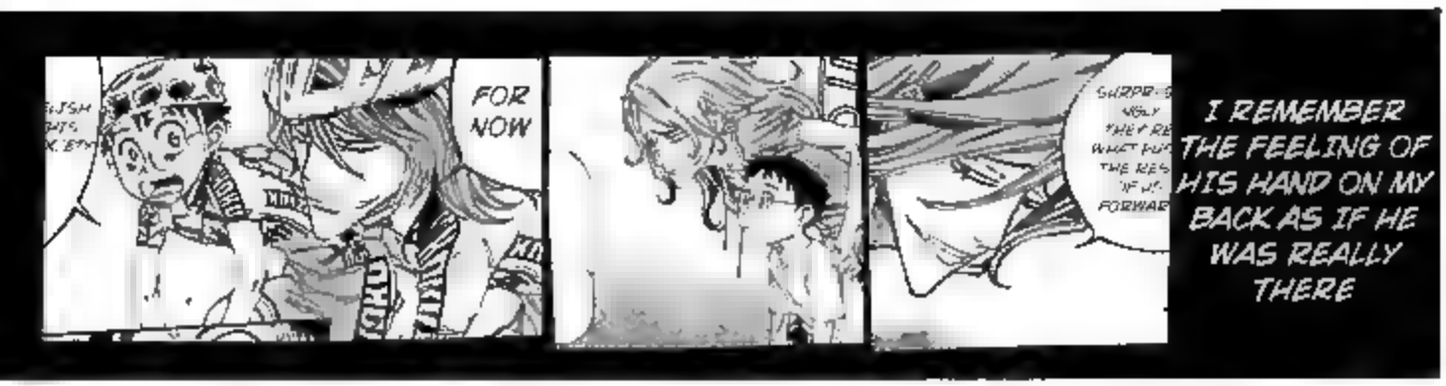
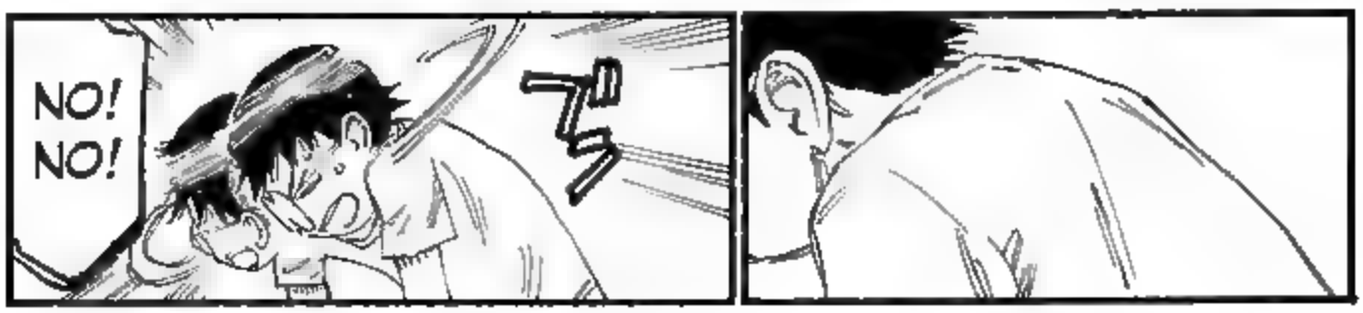
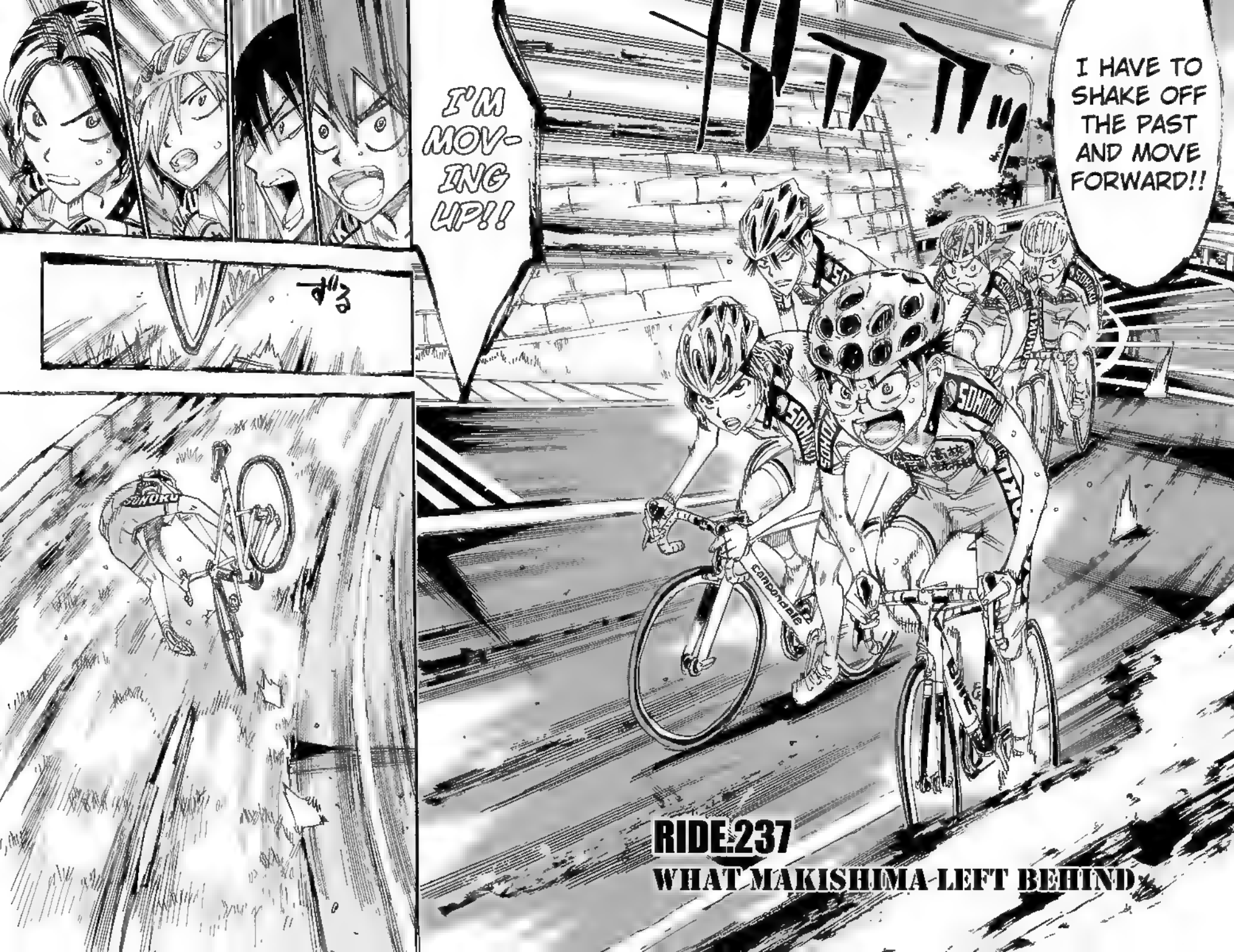
SAKA-
MICHI
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DOWN
YAGI
SOHOKU
SOHOKU


WHY IS IT...
LATELY...


FOR NOW
I REMEMBER THE FEELING OF HIS HAND ON MY BACK AS IF HE WAS REALLY THERE


NO! NO!

FEEL DOWN, NO MATTER WHAT
I CAN'T LET MYSELF
TO MAKE SOHOKU STRONGER
MAKISHIMA-SAN TOLD ME
IN YOUR HANDS
I LEAVE SOHOKU


I'M MOV-ING UP!!
I HAVE TO SHAKE OFF THE PAST AND MOVE FORWARD!!
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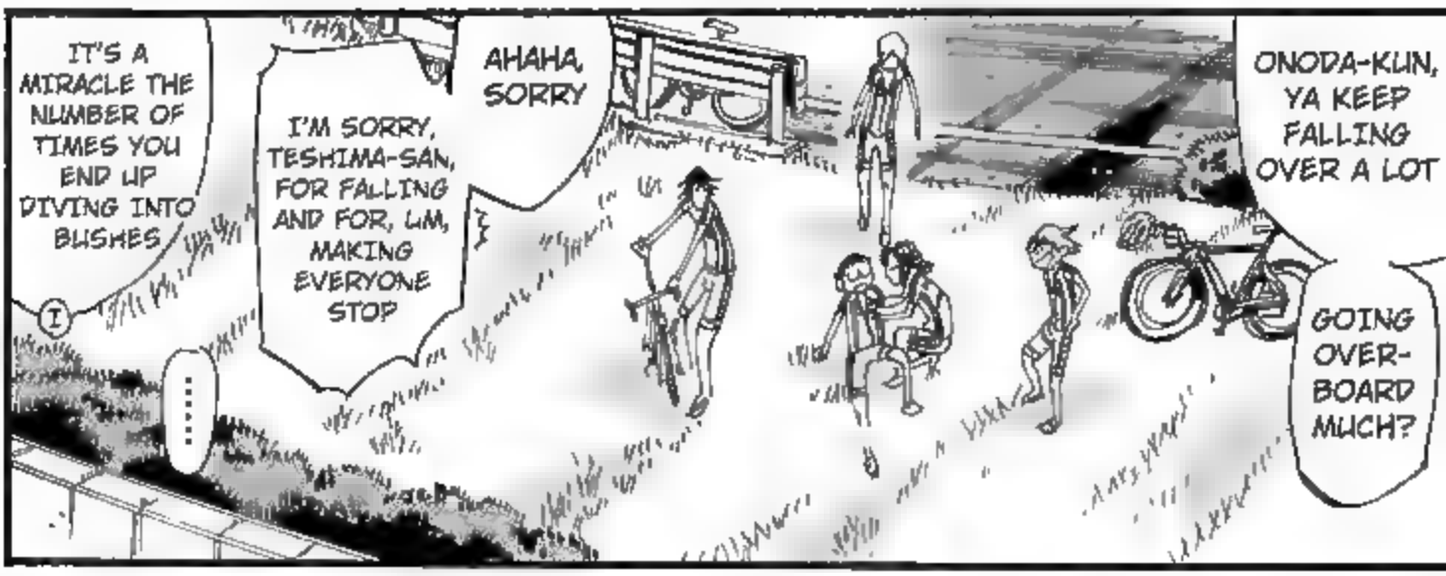
WHAT MAKISHIMA LEFT BEHIND


IT'S A MIRACLE THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU END UP DIVING INTO BUSHES
I'M SORRY, TESHIMA-SAN, FOR FALLING AND FOR, UM, MAKING EVERYONE STOP
AHAHA, SORRY
ONODA-KUN, YA KEEP FALLING OVER A LOT
GOING OVER-BOARD MUCH?

AHAHA

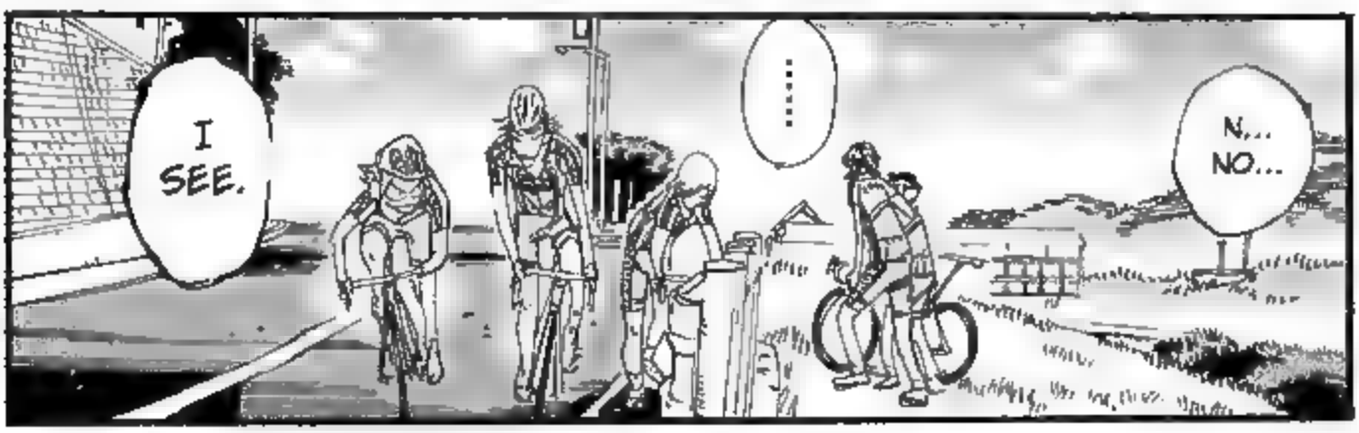
ARE YOU STILL NOT USED TO RIDING THIS?

YER EYES HAVE BEEN BLOOD-SHOT LATELY

NEW BIKES ARE PRETTY DIFFICULT! IT'S LIGHTER THAN I THINK..
AND THE BRAKES WORK REALLY WE...
OH, I SEE
...AH
T-THAT'S RIGHT
STILL..

OH, ME TOO.
CAN I GO REFILL MY BOTTLE AT THE VENDING MACHINE UP AHEAD?
SOHOKU
TESHI-MA-SAN...
SOHOKU
SAKI

LEAVING THE CLUB AS OF TODAY
MAKI-SHIMA WILL BE
IS IT MAKI-SHIMA-SAN?


I SEE.
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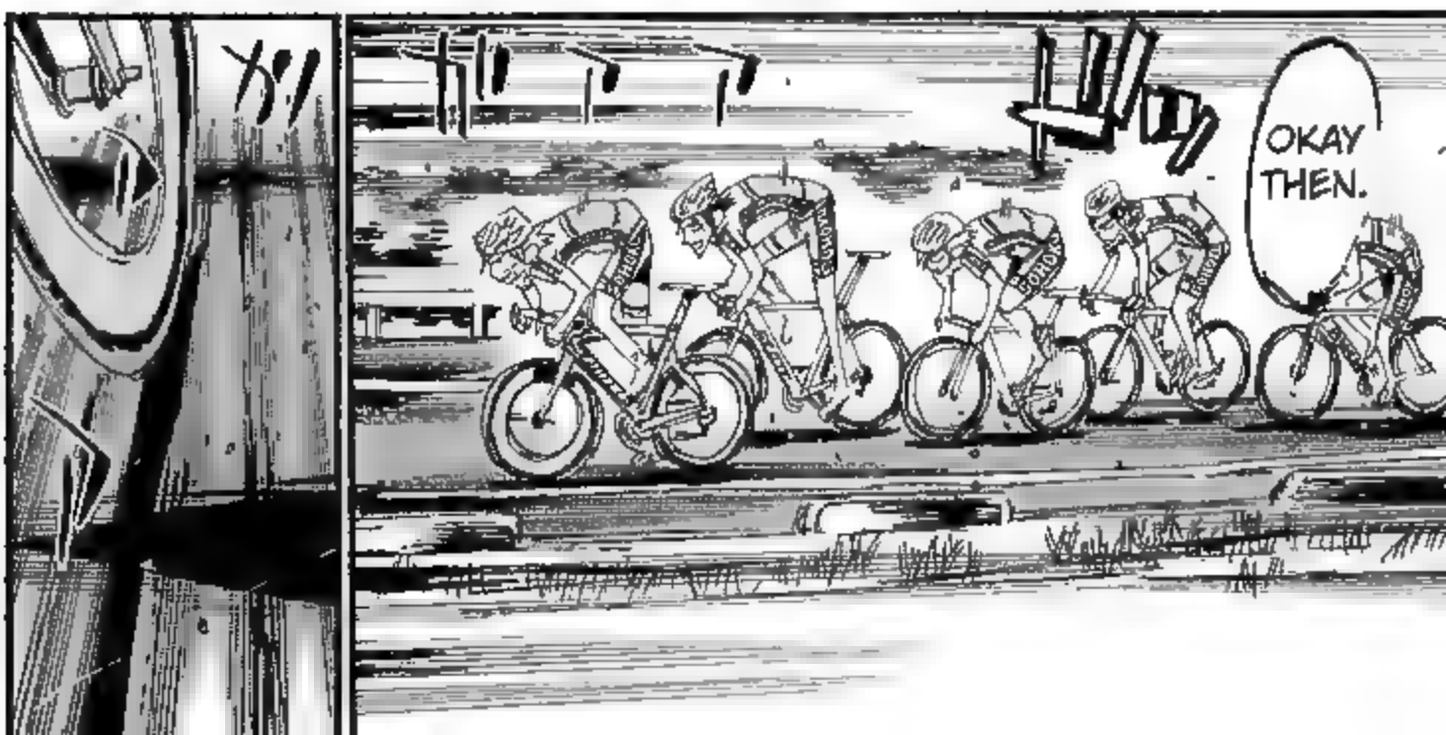
N,... NO...


OKAY THEN.

A TWO-LEVEL SLOPE THAT'S 200 METERS LONG!! WITH SUCH A SHORT DISTANCE AT A SPRINT
YEAH!
"NOD"
WELL THEN, LET'S GO WITH OUR USUAL SPRINT TO THE TOP OF THE HILL!!
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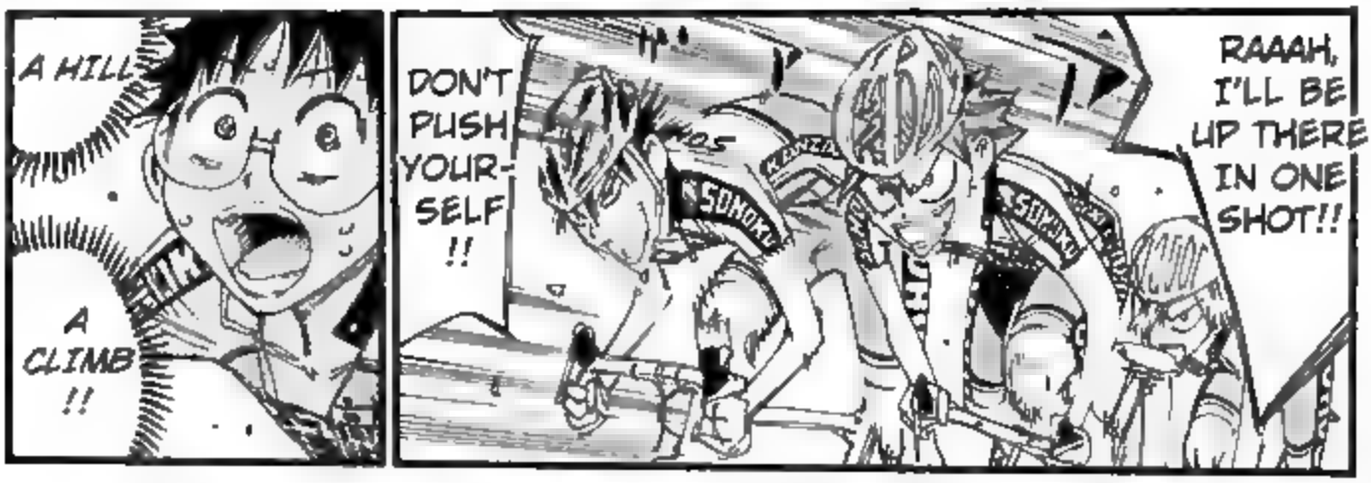
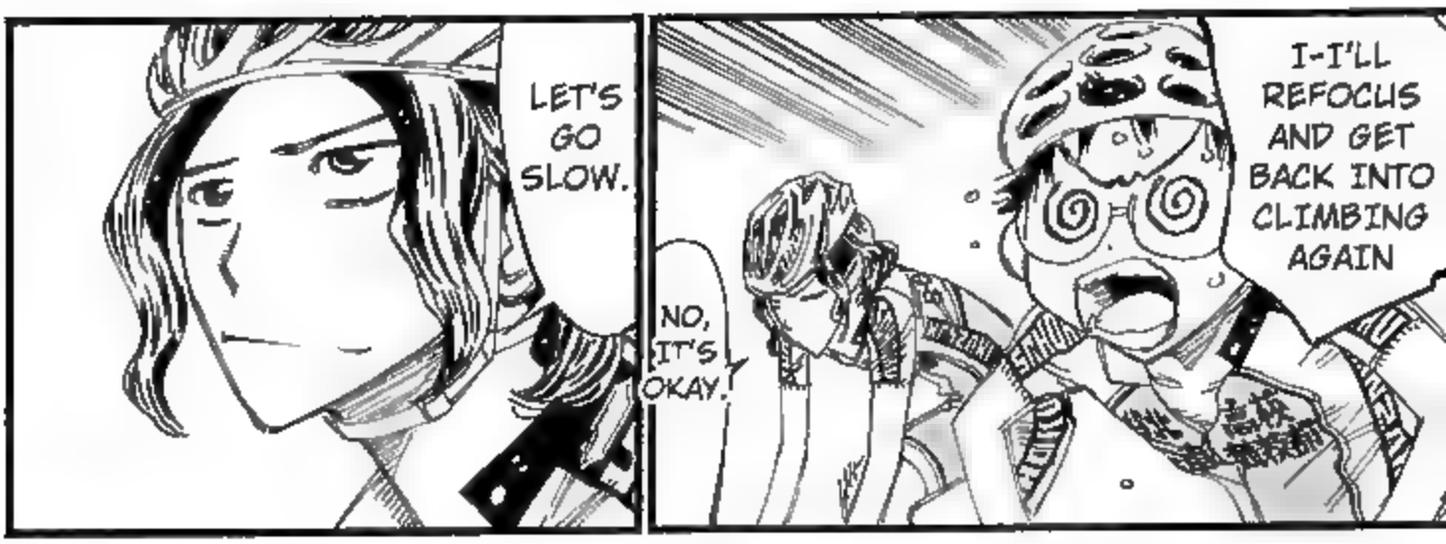

A HILL
A CLIMB !!
DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF !!
RAAAH, I'LL BE UP THERE IN ONE SHOT!!

THAT'S RIGHT! I...
"CLIMBER"!!
AAAH
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST!!

YOU'RE SO-HOKU'S ONLY CLIMBER!
ESPE-CIALLY WITH INJUR-IES WHEN YOU FALL
IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE THINKING OF SOMETHING WHILE PRACTICING BE CAREFUL
YES, SIR
SOHOKU
NOW THAT MAKI-SHIMA-SAN ISN'T HERE

I CAN'T... I DON'T FEEL ANY STRENGTH
MY STRENGTH
"NOD"
SOHOKU
KANZAKI
WAAAH

ONO-DA.
AH
AH!! I'M SORRY, TESHIMA-SAN... AH, CAPTAIN
WHAT AM I DOING, I'M A CLIMBER!


LET'S GO SLOW.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
I-I'LL REFOCUS AND GET BACK INTO CLIMBING AGAIN

CLIMBING?! HOW TO GET BETTER AT CLIMBING? YOU WANT MY ADVICE??
UM. UM. WELL
EVEN WHEN WE WERE FIRST-YEARS
THAT ONLY WORKS FOR YOU!
AS HARD AS YOU CAN
I KNOW! MOVE YOUR BIKE LEFT AND RIGHT A LOT!
EH?! REALLY?!
UM
ARE YOU HAVING A TOUGH TIME?
ONODA
DESPITE HIS LOOKS, MAKISHIMA-SAN WAS A REALLY NICE PERSON, AFTER ALL.
BE-SIDES, THE WEATHER'S GREAT

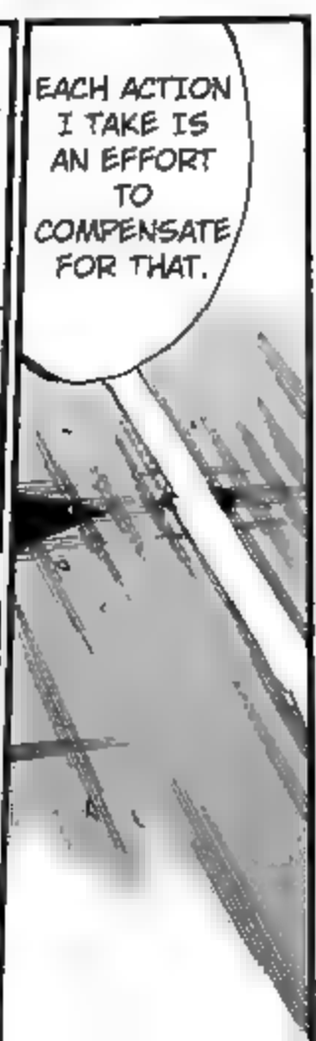
THERE'S STILL SO MUCH THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO LEARN FROM HIM!!
THERE'S STILL
...MAKI-SHIMA-SAN
NO MATTER WHEN
HE ALWAYS TREATED US WARMLY.
IF THINGS FEEL TOO DIFFICULT FOR YOU, TAKE A BREAK.
SO WHY
THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU CURRENTLY STAND AND THEN CONSIDER HOW YOU APPEAR TO OTHERS, HOW OTHERS THINK ABOUT YOU, AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WITH THAT INFO.
DO THAT, AND YOU'LL COME UP WITH AN IDEA THAT COULD HELP YOU BREAK THROUGH YOUR OBSTACLES.
LIKE I SAID ONCE
YOU LEARN WHERE YOU STAND AS YOU AIM FOR THE TOP. KNOWING THAT IS IMPORTANT.
IT WON'T HELP YOU IN THE LONG RUN.
EVEN IF YOU TRY TO SQUEEZE EVERYTHING ALL IN NOW

I AM WEAK.

I'M ALSO NOT THAT STRONG MENTALLY
EVEN THOUGH I'M CAPTAIN, I'M THE WEAKEST ON THE POWER SCALE.
I CAN'T EVEN BEAT AOYAGI IN A SPRINT
NOW
NARUKO AND IMAIZUMI ARE STRONG THEY FOUGHT ON EQUAL GROUND WITH THE THIRD-YEARS AT IN-HIGH.

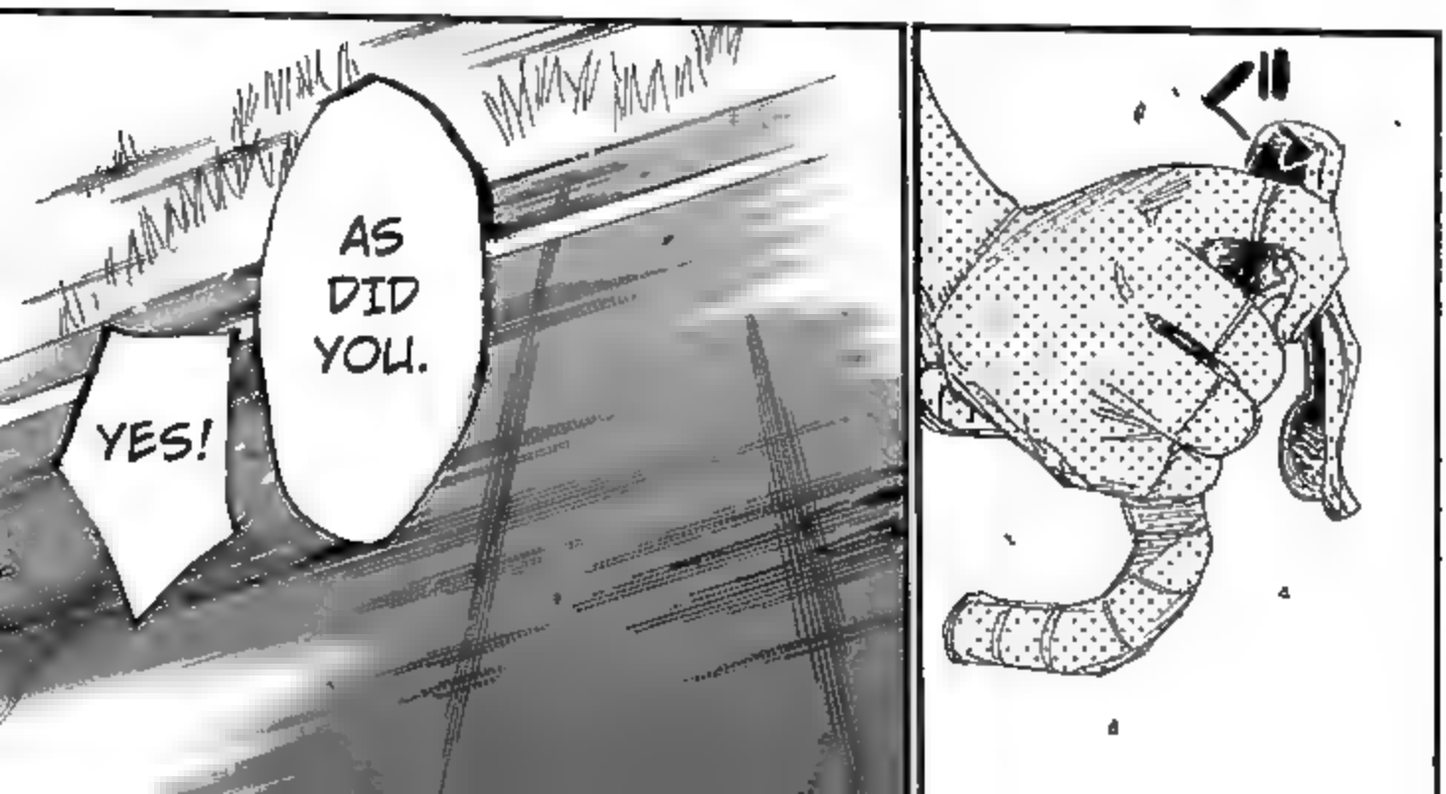
THAT DOING SO WILL HELP ME FIND A WAY.
BE-CAUSE I BE-LIEVE

ONODA.
IT'S OKAY TO REST. IT'S OKAY TO HESITATE.


EACH ACTION I TAKE IS AN EFFORT TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT.

BUT I KNOW THAT ABOUT MYSELF
AND WHAT I MUST DO.

BECAUSE EVEN THAT HELPS YOU TO MOVE FORWARD.
MAKISHIMA-SAN GAVE HIS SOUL TO YOU, DIDN'T HE?
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. THE LIGHT WILL SHINE THROUGH ONE DAY.


AS DID YOU.
YES!

AIR AIRLINES #1602 HEADING FOR LONDON WILL BE BOARDING MOMENTARILY
AAND LINE

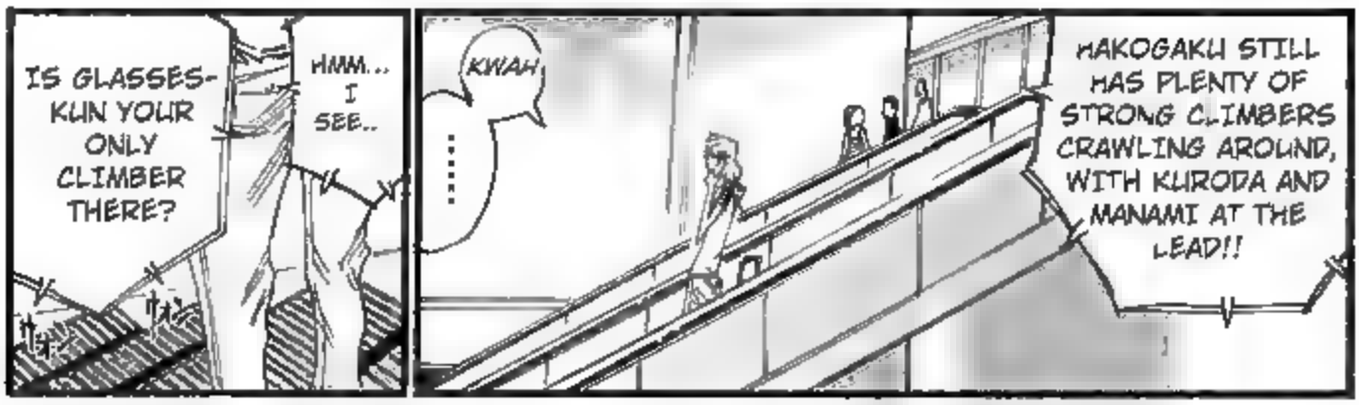
GRR
I BET YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN RIGHT NOW ANYWAY

IF THEY HAD THE TIME TO SEE ME OFF, THEN USE IT FOR PRACTICE.
WELL, YEAH. I TOLD THEM THAT

TOUDOU. IT'S NOT NECESSARY
MY FRIEND IS ABOUT TO SET OUT FOR HIS DEPARTURE! I JUST HAD TO CELEBRATE FOR YOU!!

WAH HA HA HA
JEEZ, I'M ABOUT TO BOARD THE PLANE. YOU'RE CUTTING IT REALLY CLOSE CALLING NOW

MAKI-CHAN.
EVEN AFTER I GRADUATE
HMPH.
WE LOST THIS YEAR, BUT WE'LL WIN NEXT YEAR.


IS GLASSES-KUN YOUR ONLY CLIMBER THERE?
HMM... I SEE..
KWAH
.....
HAKOGAKU STILL HAS PLENTY OF STRONG CLIMBERS CRAWLING AROUND, WITH KURODA AND MANAMI AT THE LEAD!!

HOH!! IS HE STRONG ?
DOES HE HAVE THE TALENT FOR IT?
WE DO HAVE
ANOTHER CLIMBER.
NO MATTER HOW STRONG HE IS, HE WONT BE ABLE TO WIN ALONE.
KWAH
NO...

AB-
SOLU-
TELY
NOT!
YOU
SHOULD
CLIMB.
!!

HE DOESN'T HAVE THE TALENT NOR THE SENSE FOR IT.
BUT I THINK THAT TYPE OF GUY
FITS WELL WITH SOHOKU.
THAT'S WHY
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HE'S A MAN WHO CLIMBS UP THROUGH HARD WORK!!

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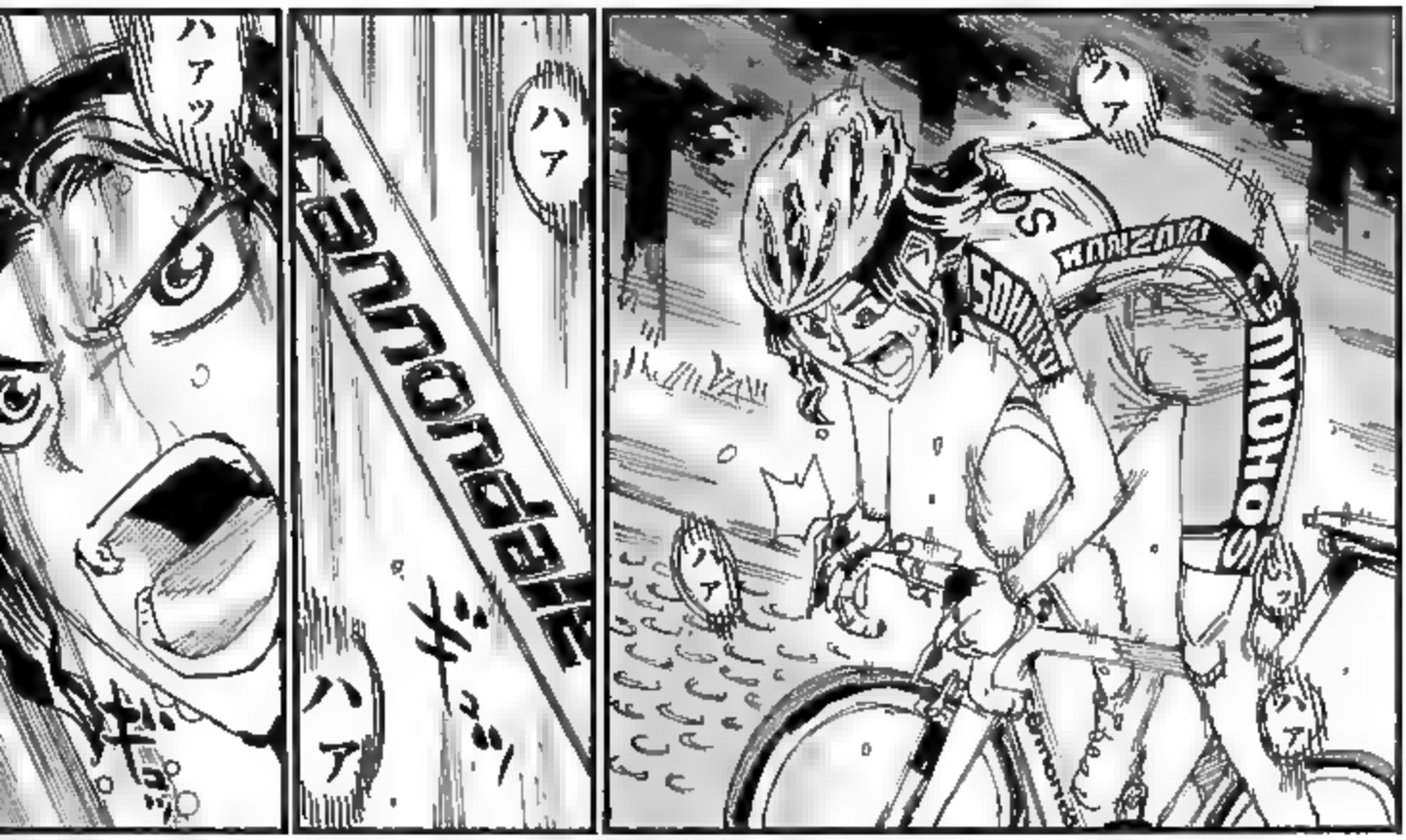
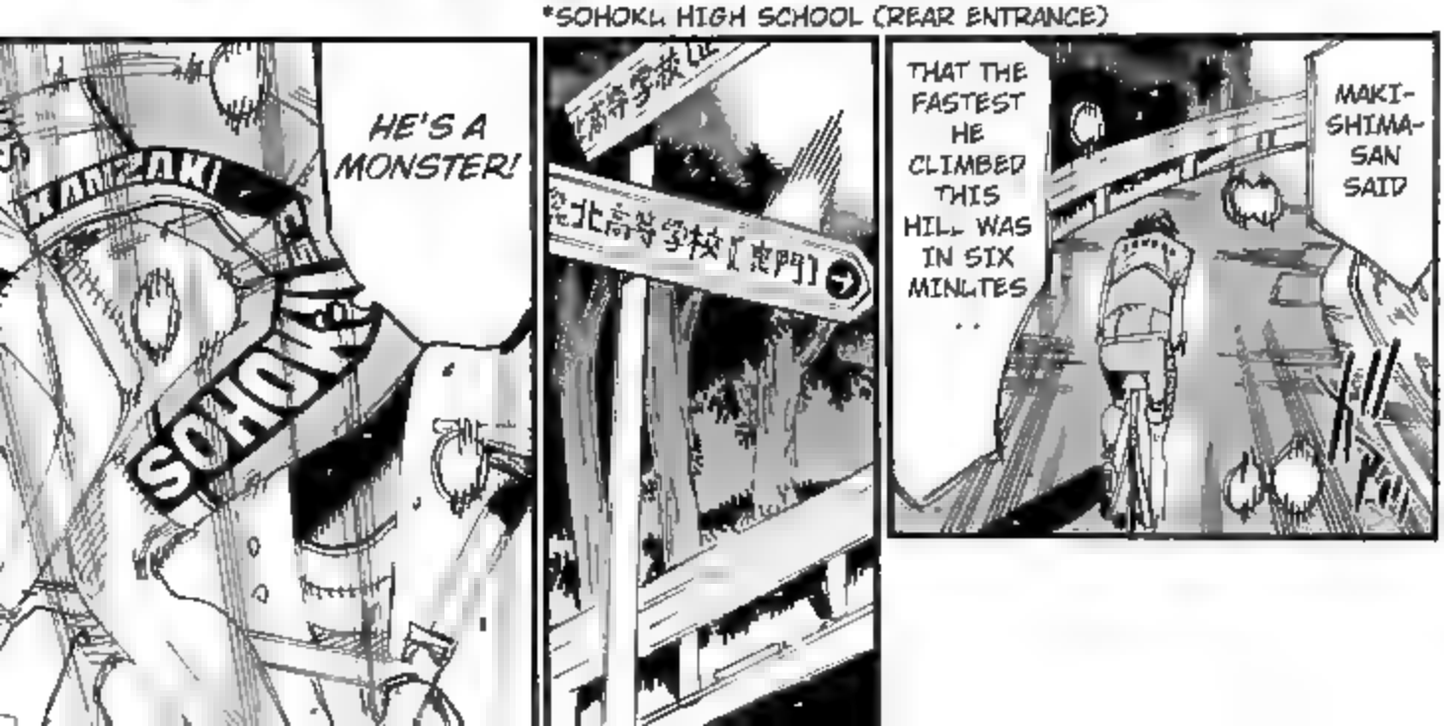


*SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL (REAR ENTRANCE)



YOU CAN'T TAKE IT EASY, LIKE HOW YOU'RE ABLE TO RIDE BEHIND SOMEONE ON THE FLATS TO AVOID WIND RESISTANCE
YOU CAN'T USE TRICKS IN A CLIMB
IT'S A FIELD YOU WON'T DO WELL IN.
STAR
SO CLIMB.
WIT OR TECHNIQUE WON'T BE OF ANY HELP TO YOU IN IT
.....
"JUST KEEP CLIMBING... UNTIL YOUR LEGS STOP MOVING."
I WILL APPROACH HIS LEVEL
BUT!!
WHETHER IT'S A SECOND CLOSER OR A CENTIMETER CLOSER

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO, AT LEAST, JUST BARELY MAKE IT!!
I... WILL DO IT!
EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!
I SHOULD BE ABLE

YESTERDAY, THE BEST THAT I COULD DO WAS EIGHT MINUTES.
SIX MINUTES...
IS A LONG WAY...
TE-SHIMA!!
I WILL BECOME STRONGER!!
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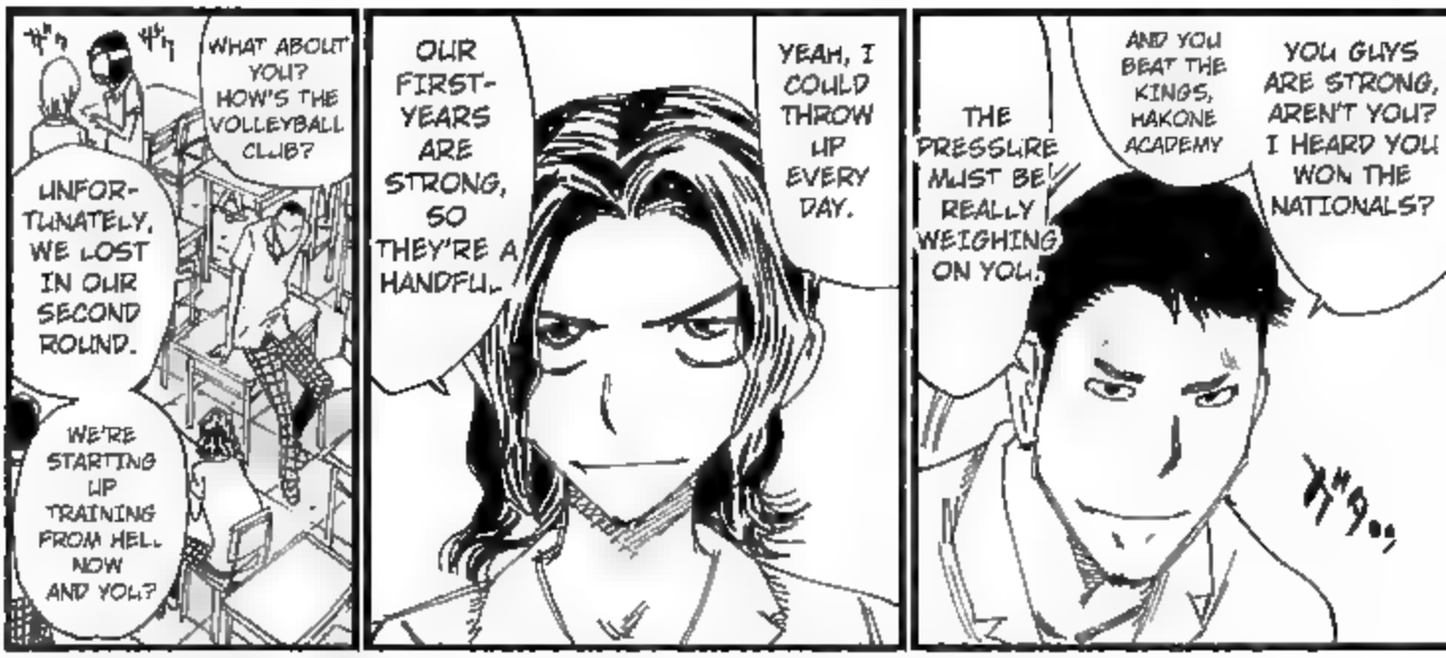
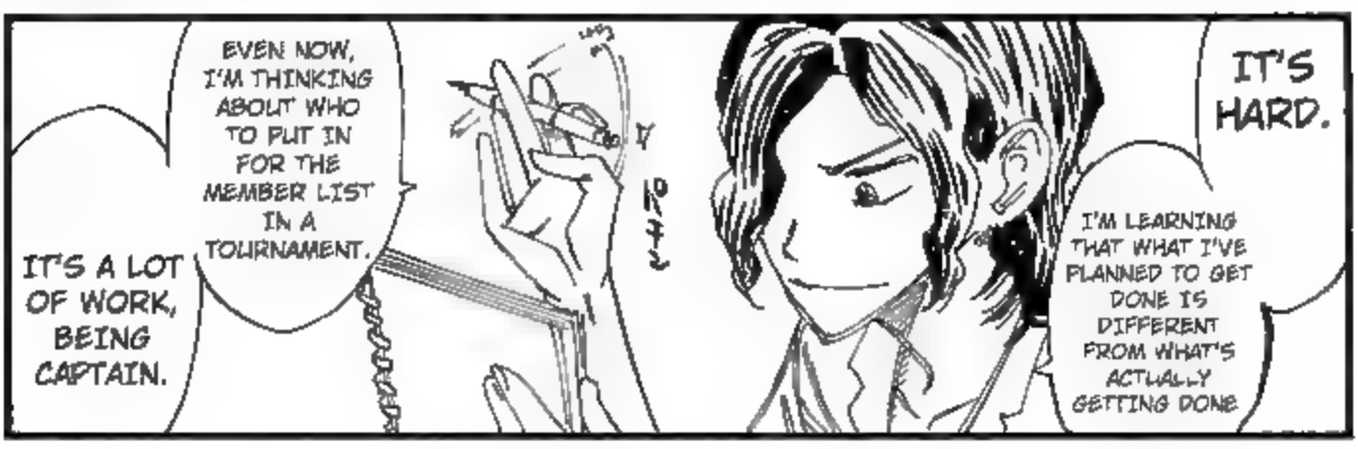
WHAT LIGHTS THE HEART AFLAME

HI-GA-SHI-DO.
I HEARD YOU BECAME CAPTAIN OF THE BIKE CLUB?!
YEAH, I DID.
CAME TO SEE ME FROM CLASS ONE, DID YOU?


WHAT ABOUT YOU? HOW'S THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB?
UNFORTUNATELY, WE LOST IN OUR SECOND ROUND.
WE'RE STARTING UP TRAINING FROM HELL NOW AND YOU?
OUR FIRST-YEARS ARE STRONG, SO THEY'RE A HANDFUL.
YEAH, I COULD THROW UP EVERY DAY.
YOU GUYS ARE STRONG, AREN'T YOU? I HEARD YOU WON THE NATIONALS?
AND YOU BEAT THE KINGS, HAKONE ACADEMY
THE PRESSURE MUST BE REALLY WEIGHING ON YOU.


IT'S HARD.
I'M LEARNING THAT WHAT I'VE PLANNED TO GET DONE IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT'S ACTUALLY GETTING DONE
EVEN NOW, I'M THINKING ABOUT WHO TO PUT IN FOR THE MEMBER LIST IN A TOURNAMENT.
IT'S A LOT OF WORK, BEING CAPTAIN.

TO KARA-OKE
AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH PRACTICE?
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU COME WITH ME
IT SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISING, BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW THE THIRD-YEAR SENPAI HANDLED PRACTICE, ROUTINE TASKS, ACCIDENTS, AND ALL OF THAT, ON THEIR OWN...
IT'S TOUGH.
I PLANNED IT OUT EVER SINCE I HEARD YOU BECAME CAPTAIN.
IT'S BEEN YEARS! LET'S HEAR THAT TESHIMA MEDLEY AGAIN!
FROM HIRAKEN TO MAKIHARA TO KUWATA, EVEN HIROMI GO!
THEY WANT TO CELEBRATE FOR YOU.
THE GUYS WHO WE BIKED WITH THEN ARE COMING TOO.
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE THEM!
WE HAVEN'T GONE TO KARAOKE TOGETHER SINCE OUR THIRD-YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I DIED LAUGHING BACK THEN

HAS BECOME THE CAPTAIN WHO'S TRUSTED TO LEAD THE NATION'S CHAMPION TEAM.

AFTER ALL, YOU, THE GUY WHO SAID ONCE THAT HE WAS GONNA QUIT

*MINAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOU PROMISED THAT WE'D GRAB THE TOP TOGETHER!

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULDN'T QUIT! YOU LOVE BIKES!

I'LL QUIT ROAD RACING WHEN I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL

THERE'S NO POINT TO IT IF I CAN'T WIN...

THAT GIRL YOU SAID BEFORE THAT YOU WERE INTERESTED IN

I ALSO INVITED

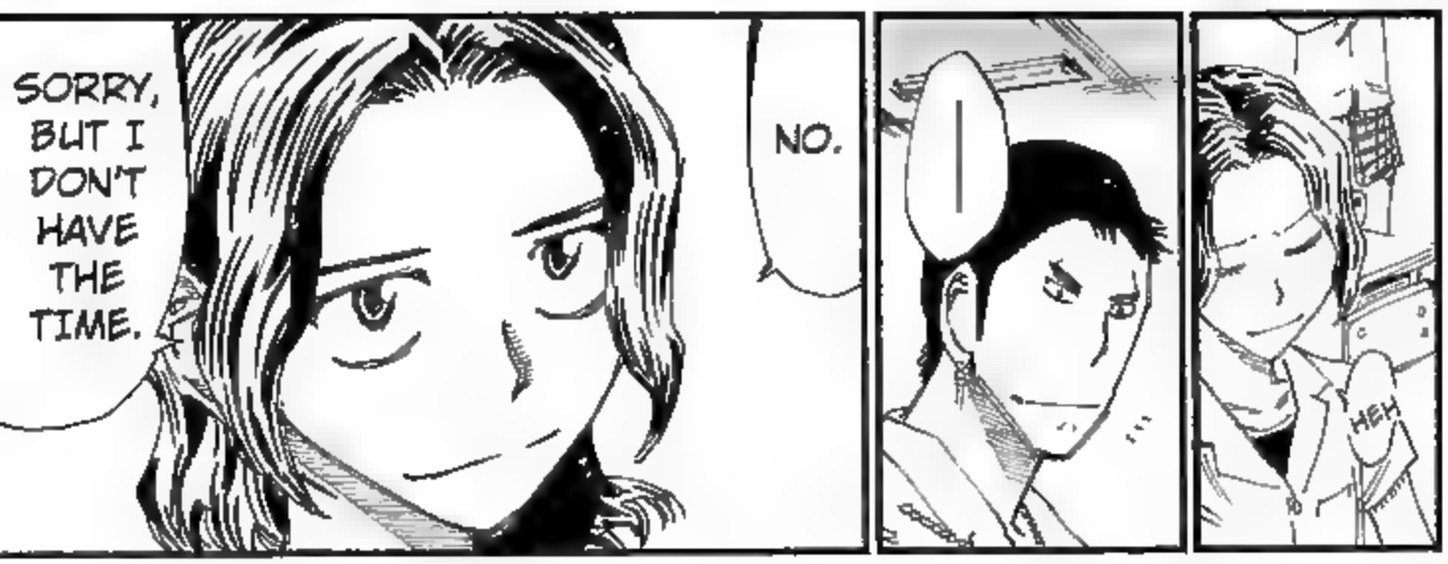
OH YEAH

IWASE-CHAN

WHEN I TOLD HER ABOUT YOUR MEDLEY, SHE AGREED TO COME RIGHT AWAY

FROM THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB

YOU DID IT


SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME.
NO.
HEH

AS I THOUGHT

WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, IT'S ONODA AT IN-HIGH WHO COMES TO MY MIND.
AM I AN IDIOT?

IT'S A SHAME.
OKAY.

THA-NKS.
SORRY... HIGASHIDO.
I WANT TO GO.
BUT...

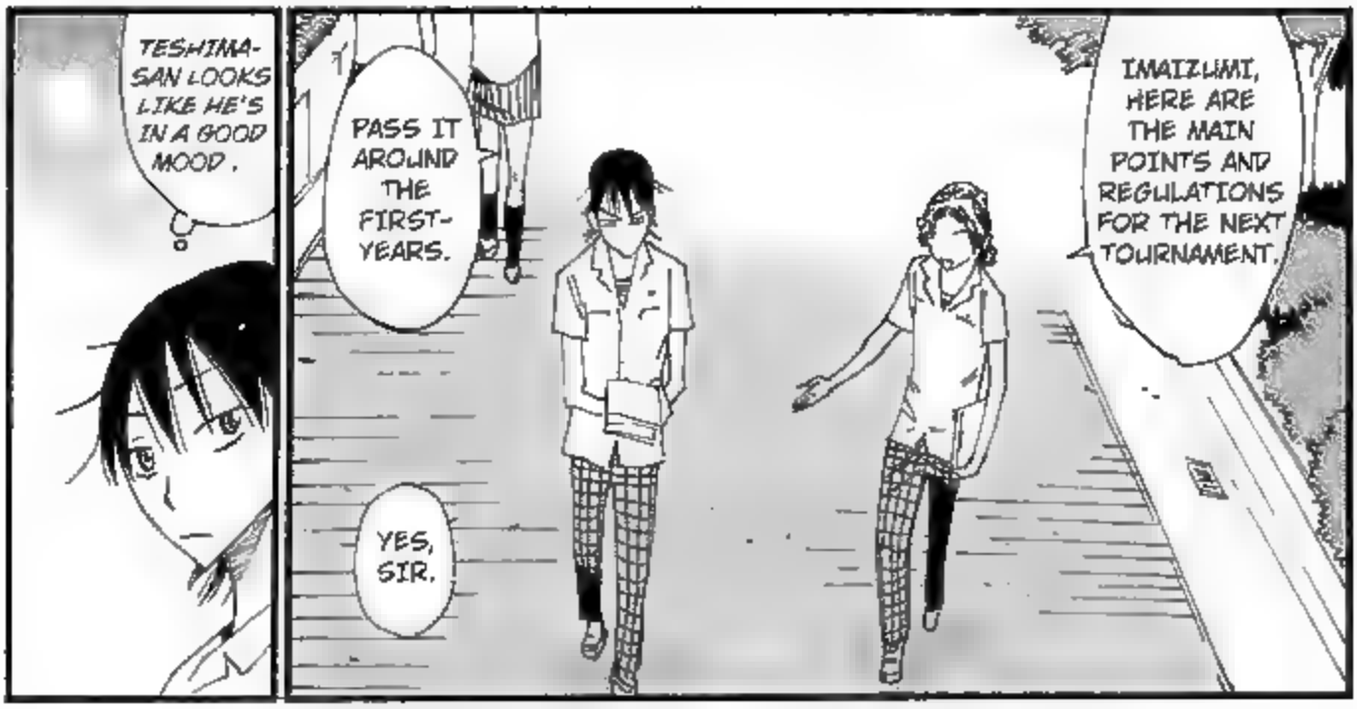
MY HEART'S BEEN STOLEN BY IN-HIGH.

AND STAND ON THAT STAGE!!

WE'LL RIDE THROUGH THOSE THREE DAYS OF SCORCH-ING HEAT

WE WILL STAND THERE ONE MORE TIME.

WE ARE THE KINGS!!


TESHIMA-SAN LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD.
PASS IT AROUND THE FIRST-YEARS.
IMAIZUMI, HERE ARE THE MAIN POINTS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.
YES, SIR.

AND HIS PACE IS STILL SLOW, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING USED TO
HE'S STOPPED CRASHING
HIS NEW BIKE.
HOW HAS ONODA BEEN DOING SINCE THEN?

LITTLE BY LITTLE... LITTLE BY LITTLE, WE'RE TAKING SHAPE. WITH THE THIRD-YEARS RETIRED AND A NEW ORDER FORMED...

AND MAKISHIMA-SAN GONE...
ONODA

THAT'S GOOD.
TELL HIM TO JUST KEEP GOING SLOW.

HOW WAS IT YES-TER-DAY
WITH TADOKORO-SAN.
IN THE SPRINT RACE?
AO-YA-GI.
JUN-TA.

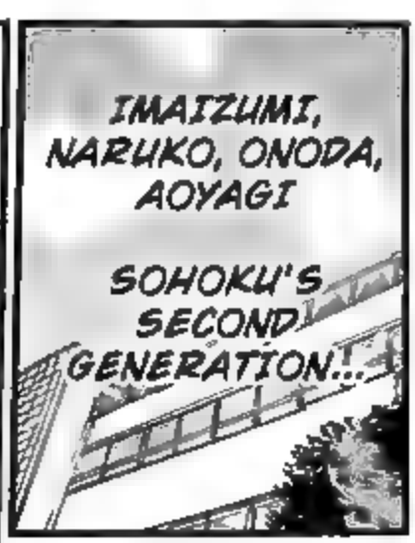
SOHOKU
SOHOKU
I CHALLENGED HIM AT 200 METERS FROM THE GOAL.
!
I KNEW YOU'D COME, SO I RESTED MY LEGS!
YES, SIR RRR !!
COME AT ME WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT, AOYAGI! ORAAAAAAAHH !!

HAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAAA
SOHOKU
SOHOKU
KLANG

I WON.

BUT IT'S STILL THIS ONE TIME.
ALL RIGHT! GOOD!
IT'S GOOD! IT'S FINE!

STEP BY STEP!!
IS MOVING FORWARD WITH CERTAINTY


IMAIZUMI, NARUKO, ONODA, AOYAGI
SOHOKU'S SECOND GENERATION...

箱根学園

HAKONE ACADEMY'S ROAD RACING CLUB IN KANAGAWA PREFECTURE
WHAT, TOUDOU?
ARA-KITA!
WHY THE HELL DO WE NEED A CEREMONY? PAIN IN THE ASS

箱根学園
箱根学園
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HAKONE ACADEMY'S NEXT CAPTAIN IS YOU, IZUMIDA TOU-ICHIROU!
YES, SIR

THE NEXT HAKONE ACADEMY WILL, INCLUDING IZUMIDA,
CENTER AROUND THREE SECOND-YEARS TAKING THE HELM.

YOU'RE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE
IZUMI-DA!!

THE MAN WHO HAS TASTED BITTERNESS AT IN-HIGH IS CAPTAIN.
THERE'S NOT A CHANCE YOU WILL LOSE.

NO COMPLAIN-ING! ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS WIN, ALL RIGHT?!
WIN!!

3!!

I LOST TO MANAMI AT THE SELECTIONS THIS YEAR
KURO DA-SEN-PAI
EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED YOU.
THE NEW VICE-CAPTAIN IS SECOND-YEAR CLIMBER
KURODA YUKI-NARI
KOM
KUOTA

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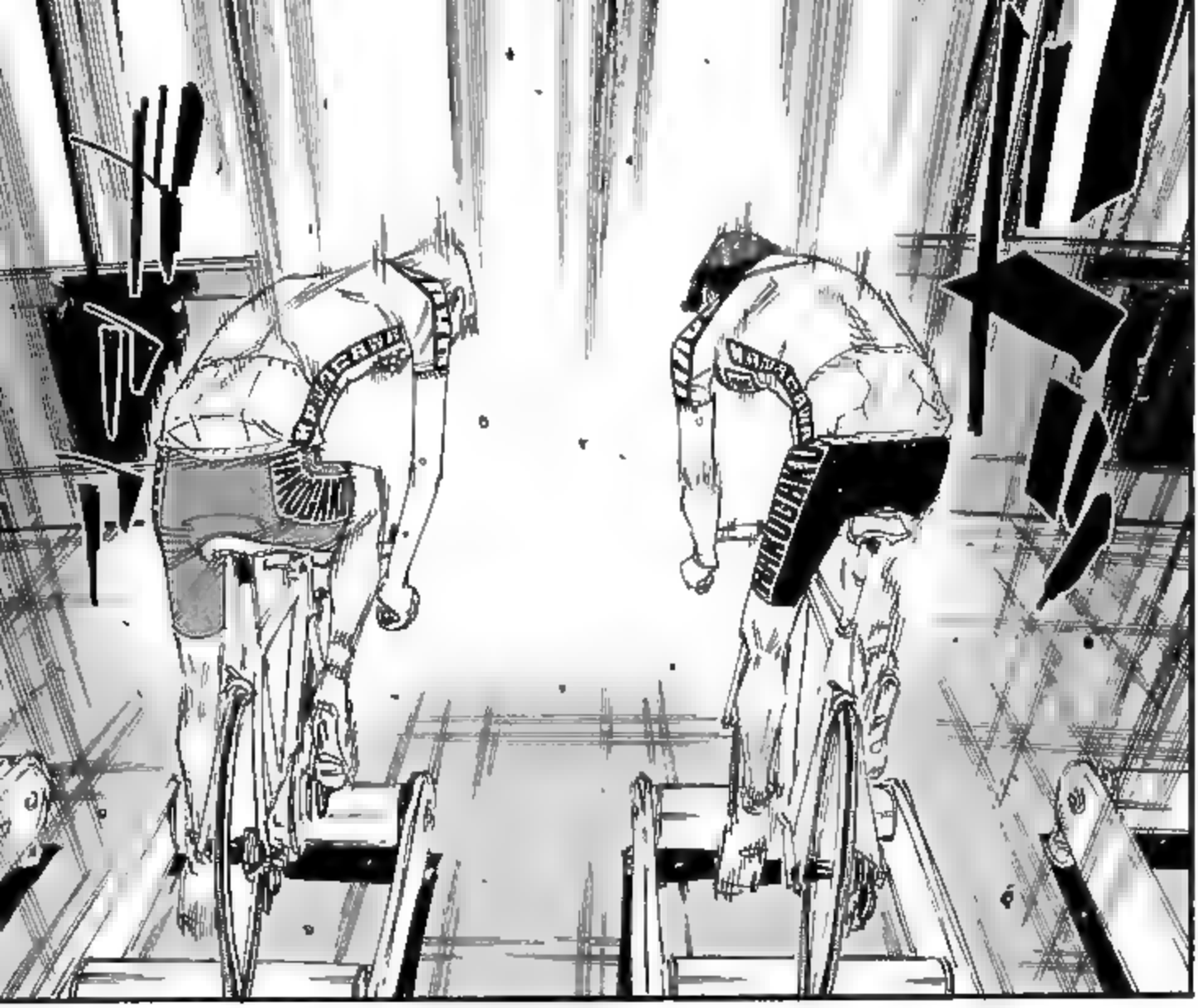
TOU-ICHIROU, LET'S GO WILD AT INTER-HIGH TOGETHER !!
BUT THIS YEAR WILL BE DIFFER-ENT
YUKI !!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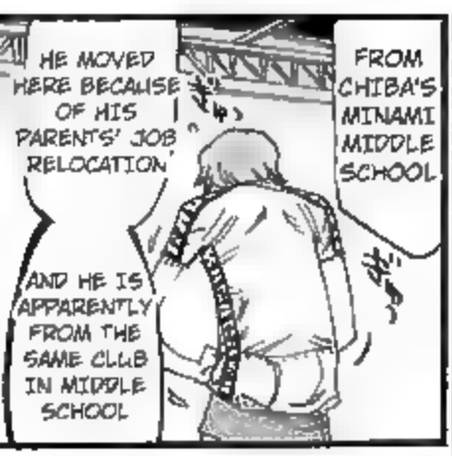
HE MOVED HERE BECAUSE OF HIS PARENTS' JOB RELOCATION
FROM CHIBA'S MINAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND HE IS APPARENTLY FROM THE SAME CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

AND THE THIRD MAN. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD END UP BEING INCLUDED, RIGHT, SHINKAI?
YEAH.
HE HAS PROMISE.

YEAH, EVEN THOUGH SPRINTERS AND CLIMBERS HAVE DIFFERENT STYLES.
ONE MINUTE!
THOSE TWO ARE CLOSE.

AS SOHOKU'S NEW CAPTAIN, TESHIMA-KUN
HMM, SHINKAI-SAN?

WHOA, REALLY?
APPARENTLY THEY LIVE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, SO THEY'VE BEEN TRAINING TOGETHER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

.....
HE'S GOOD
MIKE
NYARA
AT KARA-OKE.

THIS JERSEY IS TOO SMALL.

SECOND-YEAR ASHIKIBA
HOLDING HAKOGAKU'S RECORD AS TALLEST STUDENT
AT 2 METERS AND 2 CENTI-METERS !!

ASHIKIBA, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TESHIMA-KUN?
HIM ...?

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SOHOKU'S NEXT CAPTAIN, TESHIMA-KUN?
HE'S GOOD AT KARA-OKE.
ESPECIALLY HIS IMITATION MEDLEY WHERE HE MIMICS THE SINGERS, IT'S SO PERF--
OW!
NYAAA

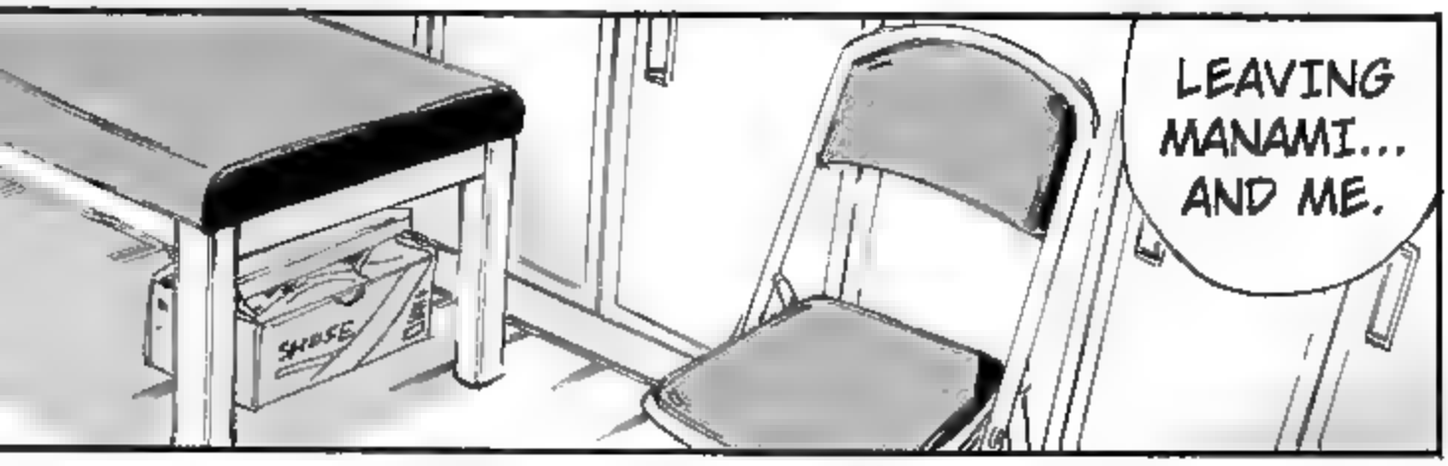
OW
...
MY BIKE...!! DON'T DO THAT, ASHIKIBA! I CAN'T REACH UP THERE!
THERE WE GO
RACE...
DO YOU WANT TO TRY RACING IN THE SAME RACE AS THAT TESHIMA-KUN?

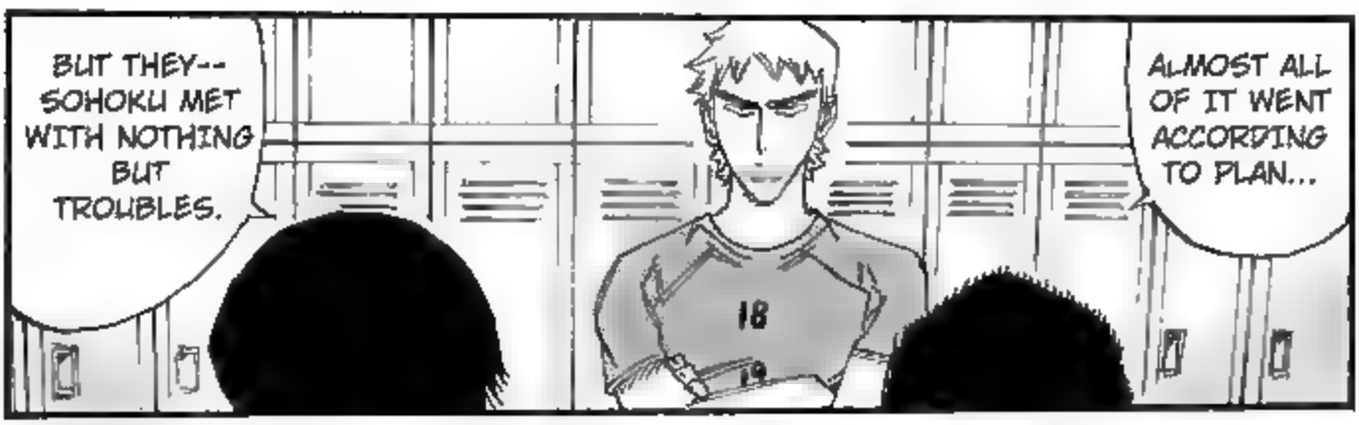
TO MAKE HIM LOSE IN THAT RACE, RIGHT?
TEN MINUTES!
YOU WANT ME
OKAY. IF SHINKAI-SAN SAYS SO, I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL.
箱根学園
IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO RACE NOW...?
... NO.
THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MAN WITH HIM IN THAT RACE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR.
BEAT HIM.
CHECK HIM OUT, AND IF YOU'RE ABLE TO

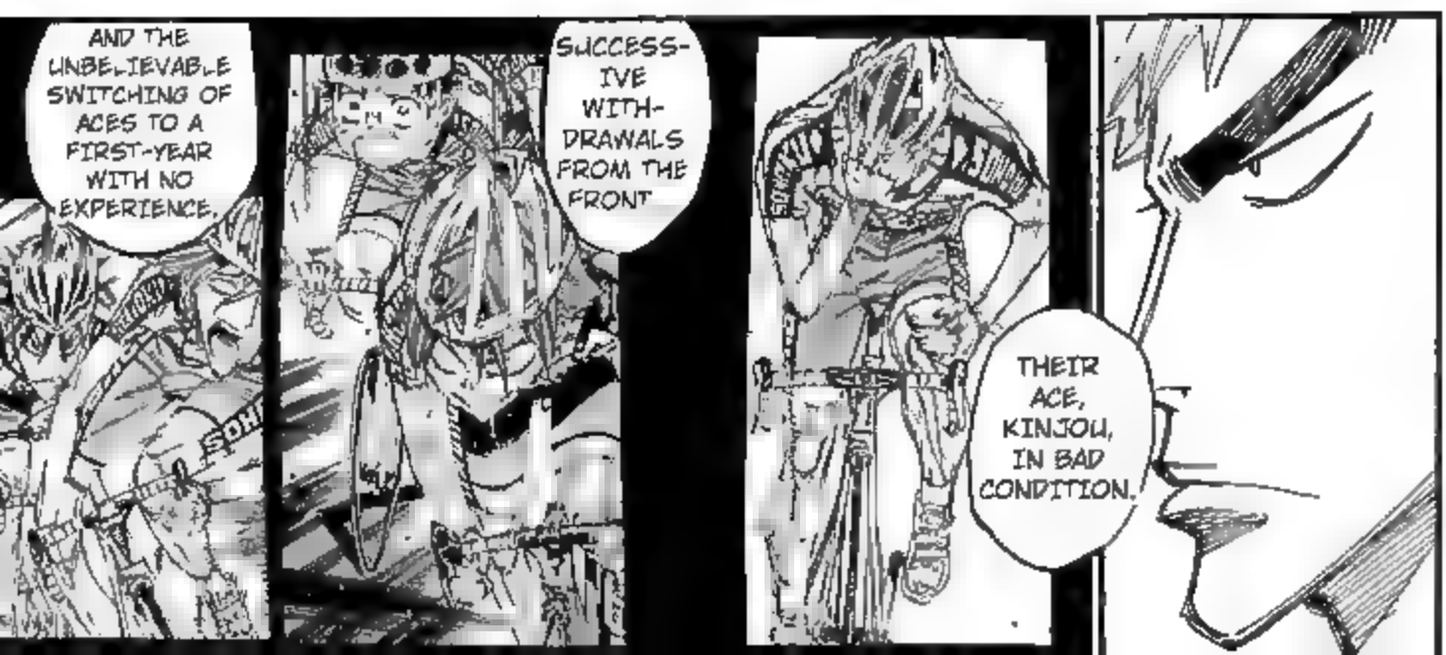
RIDE.239 THE THIRD MAN

*MEETING IN PROGRESS
NO TRESPASSING
ミーティング中
入室禁止
OUR METHODS WERE NOT WRONG.
I WILL PULL
ARAKITA AND IZUMIDA DROPPED THEM FOR US
BY ANTICIPATING THEIR NEXT MOVE
AND SHINKAI PULLED US ON THE FLATS ALONG LAKE YAMANAKA

TOUDOU IS THE BEST AT HOLDING BACK MAKISHIMA
WE SENT OUT OUR CLIMBERS NEXT.

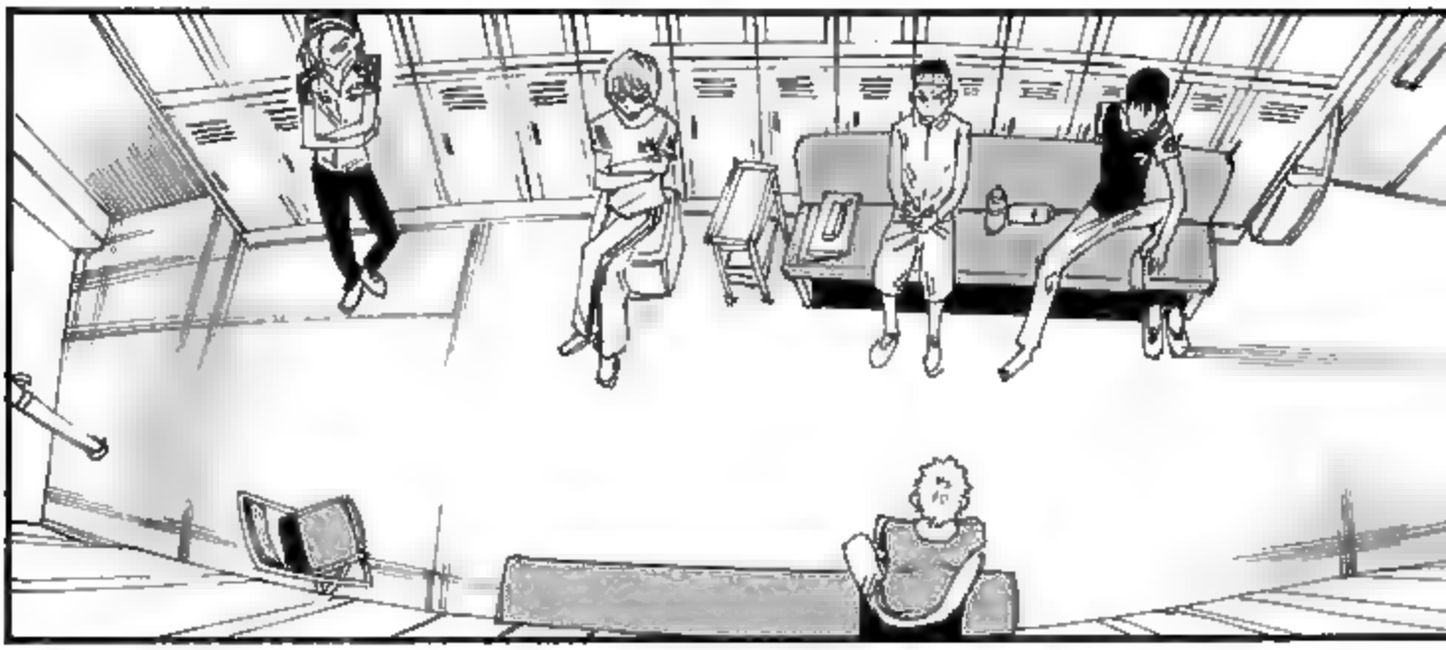

LEAVING MANAMI... AND ME.


BUT THEY-- SOHOKU MET WITH NOTHING BUT TROUBLES.
ALMOST ALL OF IT WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN...


AND THE UNBELIEVABLE SWITCHING OF ACES TO A FIRST-YEAR WITH NO EXPERIENCE.
SUCCESS-IVE WITH-DRAWALS FROM THE FRONT
THEIR ACE, KINJOU, IN BAD CONDITION.

WE STILL LOST !!
BUT

THE ADVANTAGES TO US IN THAT SITUATION WERE OVERWHELM-ING.



AND WE LOST AT FIVE TO TEN CENTI-MET-ERS.
BUT IT STILL MAKES ME WANT TO SAY THAT THIS WAS OUR LAST RACE WHERE WE RODE AT FULL-FORCE, NO HOLDS BARRED
I KNOW THAT'S NOT SOME-THING FUKU-CHAN WOULD DO
...AND, WELL
BUT IT WASN'T BECAUSE WE LET DOWN OUR GUARDS.
AHH ?!
WE DID LET DOWN OUR GUARDS! COM-PLETE-LY!!

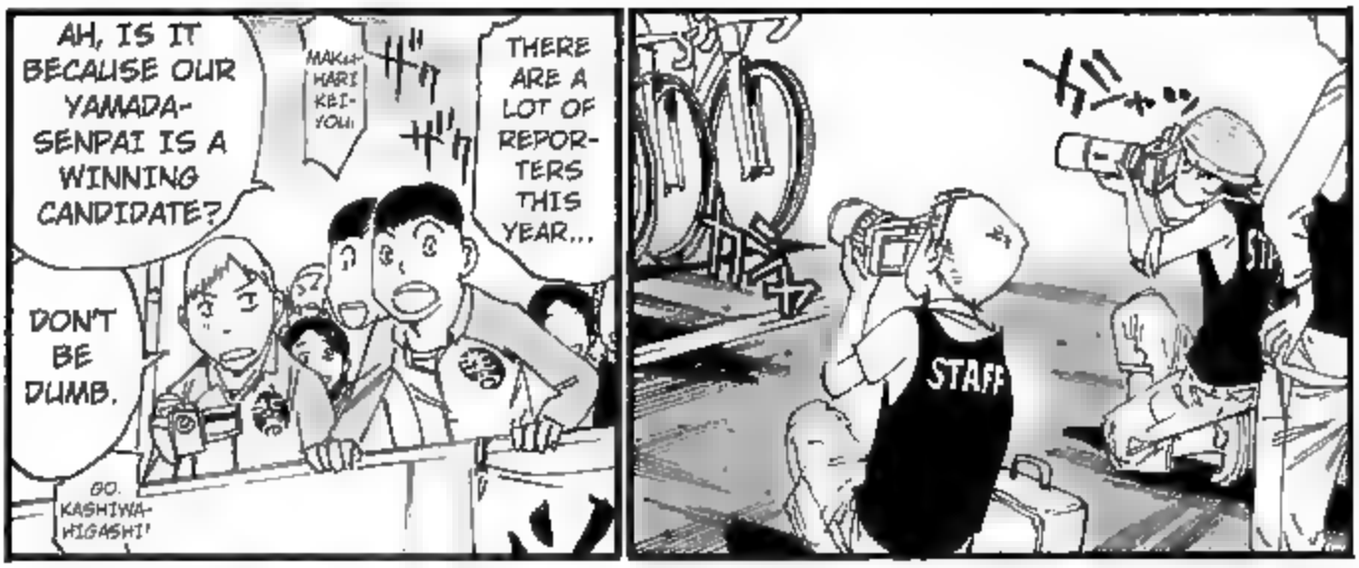
IS AS BIG A DIFFERENCE AS HEAVEN AND HELL.
FIRST AND SECOND PLACE IN A ROAD RACE
7
THE LEVEL THERE IS DIFFER-ENT! THE LEVEL!
ESPE-CIALLY IN-HIGH!
AND RODE WITH THE GREATEST POWER THAT HE COULD MUSTER
HE KNEW THE WEIGHT HE WAS CARRY-ING
NO. HE GAVE IT HIS ALL.
DIDN'T UNDER-STAND THE WEIGHT OF THAT!
AND THAT DOPEY CHICKLET

WE LOST
BECAUSE OUR... NO...
BECAUSE MY ANTICIPATIONS WERE INADEQUATE.

#176, SOHOKU'S FIRST-YEAR, ONODA
HE RIDES LIKE A COMPLETE AMATEUR.
WITH A FACE THAT HELD NOT EVEN A TRACE OF FIGHTING SPIRIT
WHAT WAS HIDDEN INSIDE OF HIM WAS THE TENACITY TO NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL THE END.

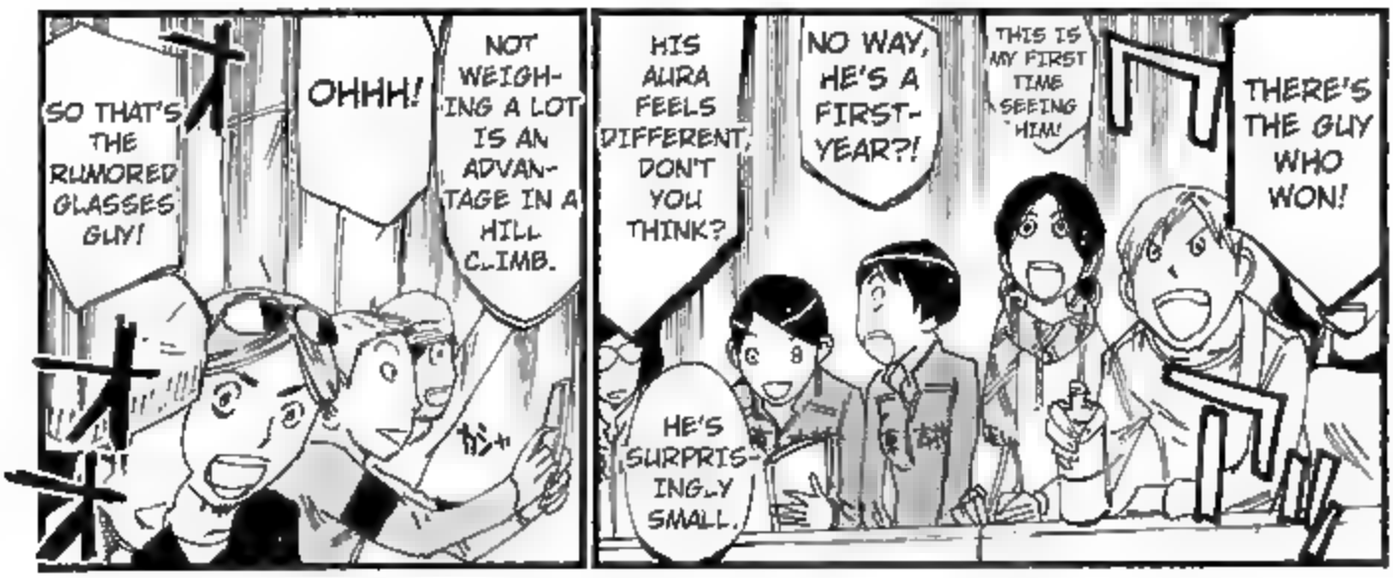
I DID NOT ANTICIPATE IT.
EVEN THOUGH MANAMI TOLD ME THAT HE WAS DANGEROUS
BUT THAT WAS AS IT SHOULD BE.
AND SWALLOW HIM WHOLE.
IT WAS GREAT ENOUGH TO OVERTAKE HAKOGAKU'S FINEST CLIMBER MANAMI
THAT SOHOKU DEVELOPED WITHIN THAT RACE.
BECAUSE HE WAS "THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE"
ONODA-CHAN ... HUH ...
THAT GLASSES-KUN, HUH...
WHAT'S THE NEXT RACE THAT HE AND SOHOKU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN?
YES, SIR
IZUMIDA.
EH
LET'S HAVE HIM GO.
HAVE YOU GUYS GOT A STRATEGY?
NOT EVEN ONE.
JIN-KUN...
BUT IT WAS THEIR ONLY WAY TO CRUMBLE THE FIRM ROCK THAT WE AS KINGS STOOD ON.
SUCH A THING CANNOT BE DEVELOPED INTENTIONALLY.
IN OTHER WORDS
KINJOU AIMED FOR THAT
AND IMPLEMENTED IT

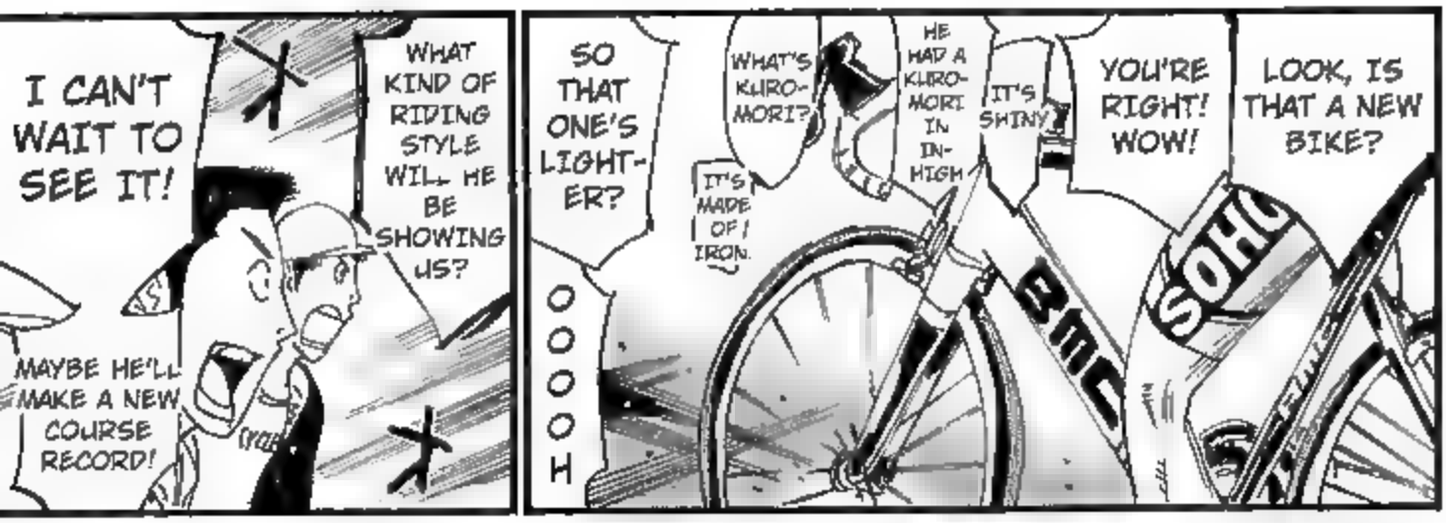
SEE HIS RIDING.
IT'LL BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THE NEXT GENERATION OF HAKONE ACADEMY'S MEMBERS
JUST LIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, WE'LL BE STARTING HERE AT THE GENERAL ATHLETICS FIELD IN CHIBA'S MINEGAMACHI!
峰ヶ山 ヒルクライム
勝走
PD
大会本部
GO WIN, KAMO HIGH!!
YOU CAN DO IT!
WE'RE BLESSED WITH FINE WEATHER TODAY!
IT'S HERE THIS YEAR AGAIN, THE USUAL FALL TRADITION FOR CYCLISTS, THE MINEGA-YAMA HILL CLIMB!

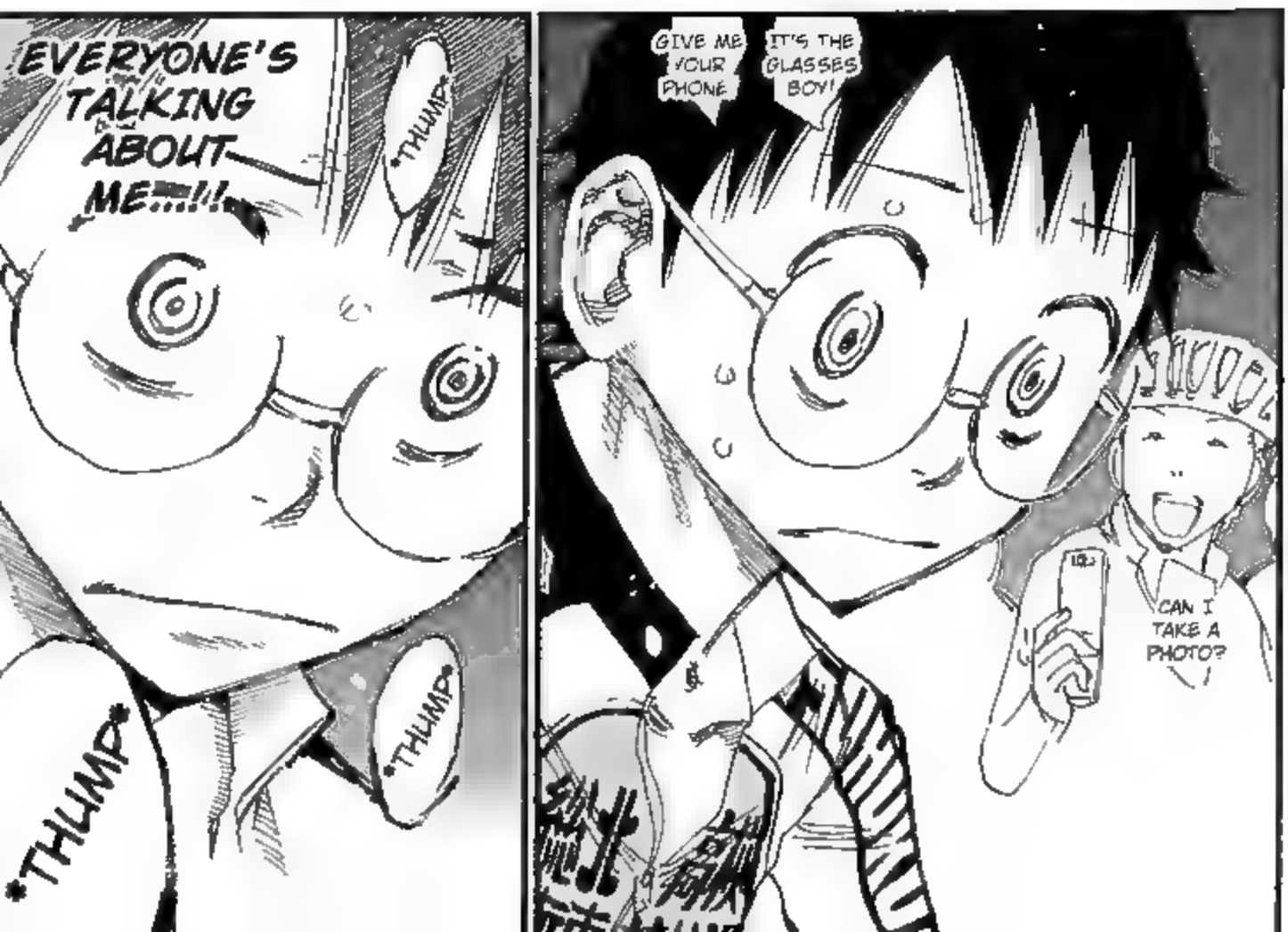

AH, IS IT BECAUSE OUR YAMADA-SENPAI IS A WINNING CANDIDATE?
MAKU-HARI KBI-YOU!
THERE ARE A LOT OF REPOR-TERS THIS YEAR...
DON'T BE DUMB.
GO, KASHIWA-HIGASHI!
STAFF

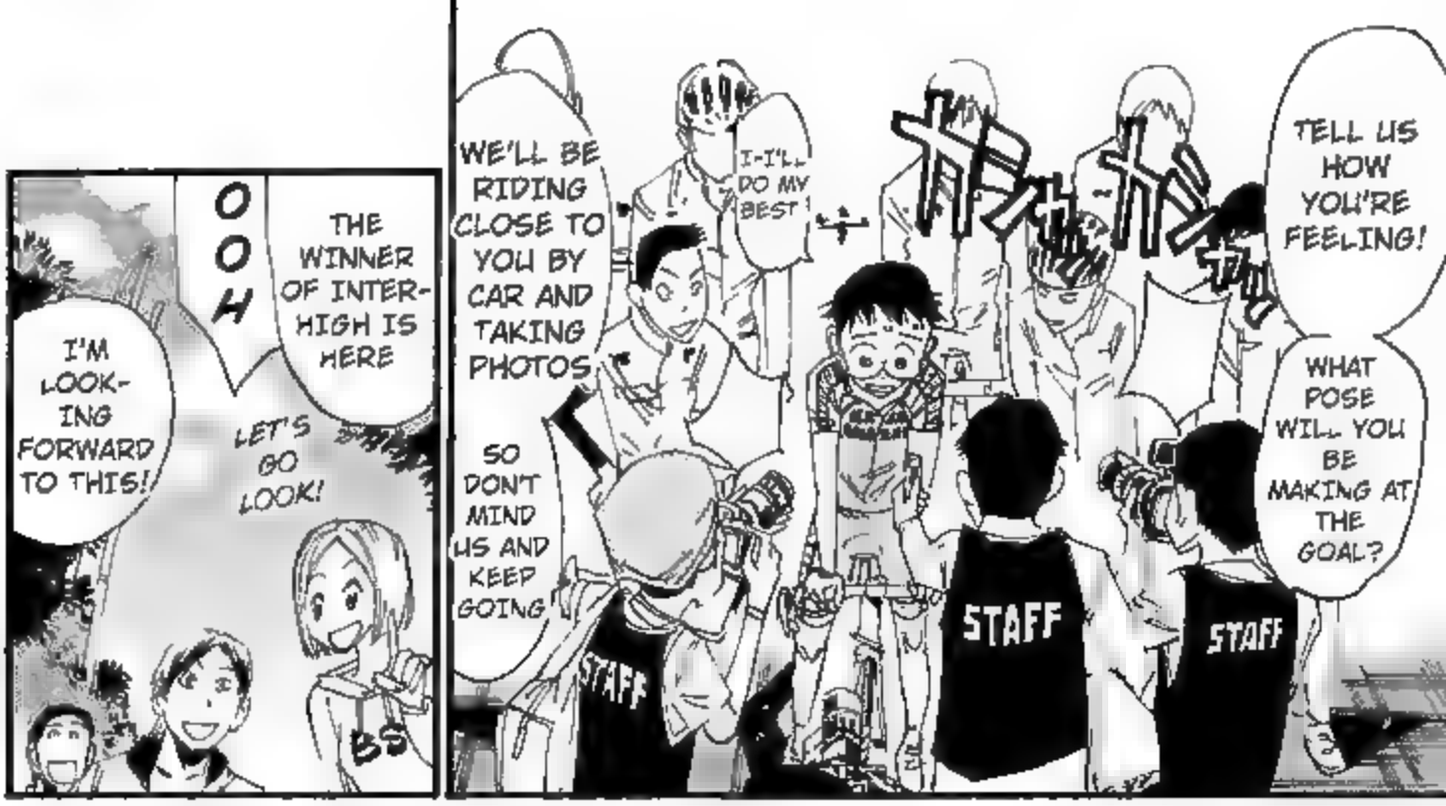
LOOK, THAT YELLOW JERSEY THERE.
108
IT'S THAT THEY'RE AFTER.

ONODA SAKAMICHI
IT'S SOHOKU!
WOW!
SOHOKU KANZAKI
THAT'S THE GUY FROM SOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL WHO WON FIRST PLACE IN THIS YEAR'S INTER-HIGH
STAFF


SO THAT'S THE RUMORED GLASSES GUY!
OHHH!
NOT WEIGHING A LOT IS AN ADVANTAGE IN A HILL CLIMB.
HIS AURA FEELS DIFFERENT, DON'T YOU THINK?
NO WAY, HE'S A FIRST-YEAR?!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM!
THERE'S THE GUY WHO WON!
HE'S SURPRISINGLY SMALL.


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT!
WHAT KIND OF RIDING STYLE WILL HE BE SHOWING US?
MAYBE HE'LL MAKE A NEW COURSE RECORD!
SO THAT ONE'S LIGHTER?
OOOOOH
WHAT'S KUROMORI?
IT'S MADE OF IRON.
HE HAD A KUROMORI IN IN-HIGH
IT'S SHINY
YOU'RE RIGHT! WOW!
LOOK, IS THAT A NEW BIKE?
BMC
SOHO


EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT ME...!!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
GIVE ME YOUR PHONE
IT'S THE GLASSES BOY!
CAN I TAKE A PHOTO?


OOH
THE WINNER OF INTER-HIGH IS HERE
I'M LOOK-ING FORWARD TO THIS!
LET'S GO LOOK!
BS
WE'LL BE RIDING CLOSE TO YOU BY CAR AND TAKING PHOTOS
SO DON'T MIND US AND KEEP GOING
I-I'LL DO MY BEST!
TELL US HOW YOU'RE FEELING!
WHAT POSE WILL YOU BE MAKING AT THE GOAL?
STAFF
STAFF
STAFF

WILL I
BE WINNING?
I GUESS THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE...
BECAUSE EVEN TESHIMA-SAN
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT ME...
"THUMP"
"THUMP"
"THUMP"
SOHOKU
SOHOKU
総北 高校 自転車 競技部

WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO WIN?
WIN
WIN
I HAVE TO WIN
SOHOKU
"WE ARE KINGS"
TOLD US THAT ...
"WE MUST WIN, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUM-STANCES"

MUST NOT LOSE TO ANYONE ?!
!!
DOES IT MEAN THAT I HAVE TO PUSH EVERYONE HERE ASIDE...?!
THAT I
I CAN'T DO THIS ON MY OWN!
I CAN'T EVEN BRING UP POWER DURING PRAC-TICE...
I CAN'T DO IT...
SNAP
SNAP
I WAS ABLE TO RIDE AT IN-HIGH BECAUSE MY SENPAI AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS THERE...
ONODA !!
TEAM SOHOKU HOLDS EACH OTHER UP!!

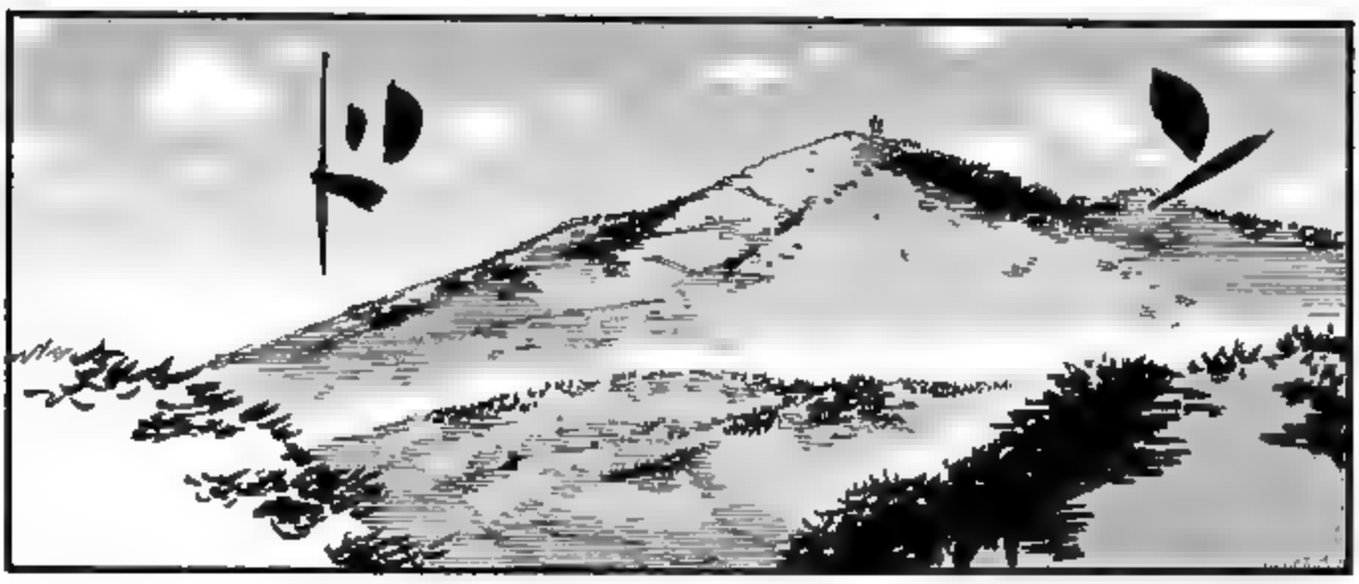
IMA-IZUMI!!
HEY, THERE'S THE GUY THAT'S RUMORED TO BE SOHOKU'S NEXT ACE
HE'S TALL
I-IMA-IZUMI-KUN!
DON'T CLENCH UP SO MUCH THAT YOU EVEN FORGOT THAT WE WERE HERE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE CAN'T HAVE YOU GETTING SO NERVOUS THAT YOU TRIP AGAIN.
SO-HOKU'S CAPTAIN!!
TE-SHIMA'S THERE TOO!
WHAT AMAZING AURA!
THAT'S THE STRONGEST LINEUP!
SOHOKU'S SENT IMAIZUMI, ONODA, AND TESHIMA..
TO SEND THREE OF ITS MEMBERS TO TEST THEIR SKILLS.
IT'S A YEARLY CUSTOM IN THIS RACE FOR EACH SCHOOL
EVEN IF YOU GO SLOW, WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE PEAK.
CLIMB AT YOUR OWN PACE.
BUT IT'S OKAY TO GO SLOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
IF HE WERE HERE.
THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT KINJOU-SAN WOULD SAY
TESHIMA... SAN...
ONODA.
DON'T CARRY ALL OF THE BURDEN ON YOUR OWN

YES, SIR.

I'LL SEE WHAT YOU DO DURING THE RACE.
HE'S TALL!
EH, HAKO-GAKU ?!
WAH
START !
IT'S STARTED !
"ONO-DA-KUN"
HE WAS IN THE FRONT SO I COULDN'T SEE HIM VERY WELL...
OH WELL...

RIDE.240 METRONOME

THAT'S WHERE THIS YEAR'S INTER-HIGH CHAMPION, FIRST-YEAR ONODA-KUN WILL BE.
THERE'S A RACE IN CHIBA THAT'S HELD EVERY AUTUMN AT MINEGAYAMA, THE MINEGAYAMA HILL CLIMB



A RACE!!
KANAGAWA
HAKOGAKU
ISN'T THAT HAKO-GAKU?
WHOA
LOOK.
YEAH
NAGAWA
WHAT IS HAKOGAKU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN CHIBA?
I HEAR MUSIC PLAYING
IT'S CLASSICAL

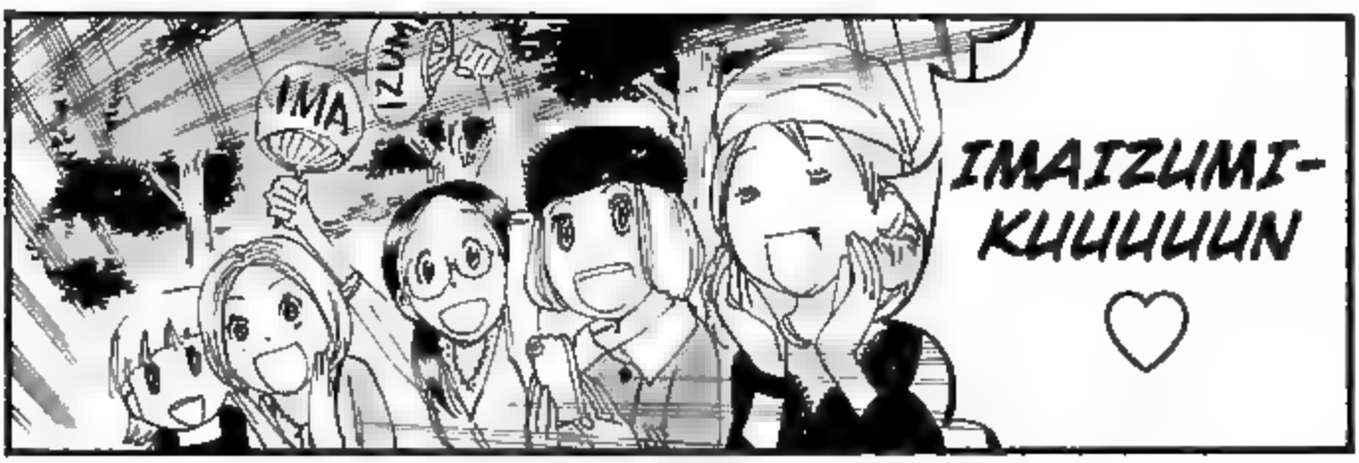
WHAT A GIANT!!
HE'S ABOUT TWO METERS TALL...!!
H-
GAKU
KAMAGAKU
MY HEART EXULTS. IT'S A SYMPHONY.
I CAN FINALLY RACE.
THANK YOU, SHINKAI -SAN
ACTU-ALLY
WHAT'S WITH THAT HAKO-GAKU
学園

THE RACERS' COLORFUL JERSEYS START DASHING OFF ON THIS TOTAL DISTANCE OF 16 KILOMETERS, UNDER THE BRIGHT AUTUMN SUN!!
MINEGA-YAMA HILL CLIMB STARTS!
I WILL WIN NO MATTER WHAT
AGAINST THAT MAN, ONODA
START
YOU CAN DO IT!
KASHI-WA-HIGASHI
MOVE UP! DON'T BE SLOW!
MAKU-HARI KEI-YOU!!
ICHI-HARA, GO!
KAMO-GAWA HIGH!
GO!
SAWADA, GO AT YOUR OWN PACE!

RIDE.240 METRONOME

READY ?
IMA
IZUM

I WATCHED YOU GUYS AT FUJI IN INTER-HIGH !
IT'S THE KINGS, SOHOKU!
SOHOKU! SOHOKU!


IMA
IZUMI
IMAIZUMI-KUUUUUN ♡

I~ MA~ I~ZU~ MI~!!
KYAH!
FIGHT !!
CONGRATS ON YOUR TEAM WINNING!!
IMAIZUMI-KUN, YOU CAN DO IT!
SHUN♡SUKE
KYAH, HE LOOKED THIS WAY!
SOH

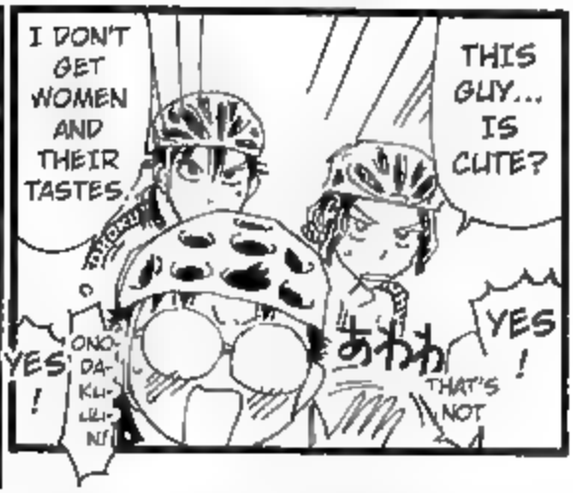
THERE LOOKS TO BE EVEN MORE OF THEM THAN LAST TIME.
IS THAT YOUR FANCLUB? HOW POPULAR YOU ARE.
THEY MADE A GIANT BANNER..
WHAT IS THAT...
IT'S EMBAR-RASSING...

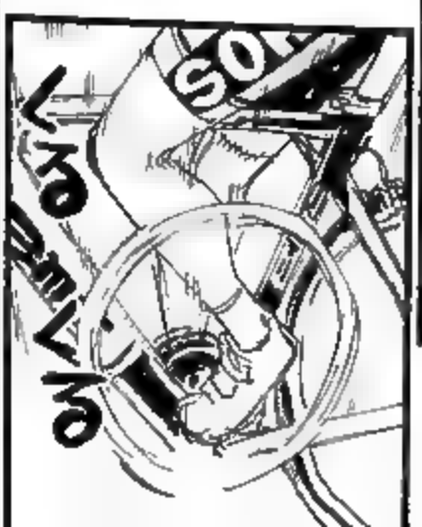
GO! SHOW THEM HOW STRONG YOU ARE!
KINGS !!
SO-HO-KU
THE CHEERING FOR SOHOKU IS PRETTY AMAZING
WELL THEY DID WIN THE NATIONALS
SURE, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT.
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SUPPORT. IT GIVES YOU STRENGTH.
DRINK

EH ...
CUTE?!

EH
KYAH!!! HE LOOKED HERE!
ONODA-KUN, YOU'RE CUTE!!
SOHO
DRINK

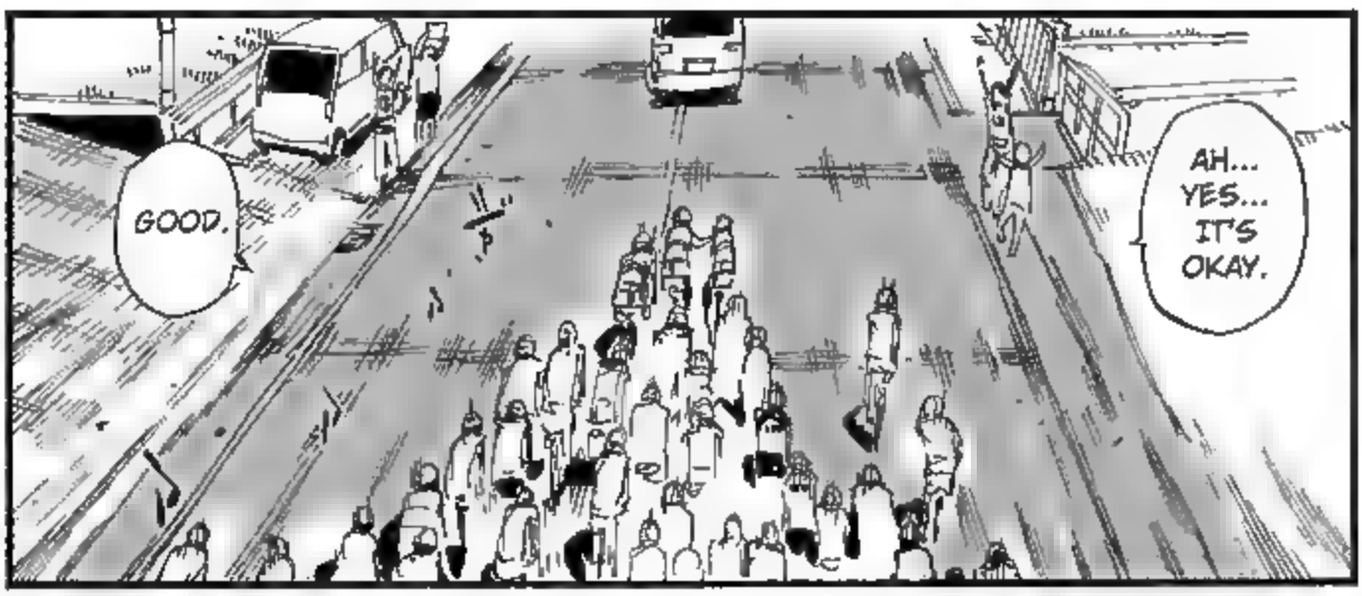
YEASSS ?!
ONO-DA.


I DON'T GET WOMEN AND THEIR TASTES.
THIS GUY... IS CUTE?
YES!
ONO-DA-KU-UU-NI!
あわわ
YES!
THAT'S NOT

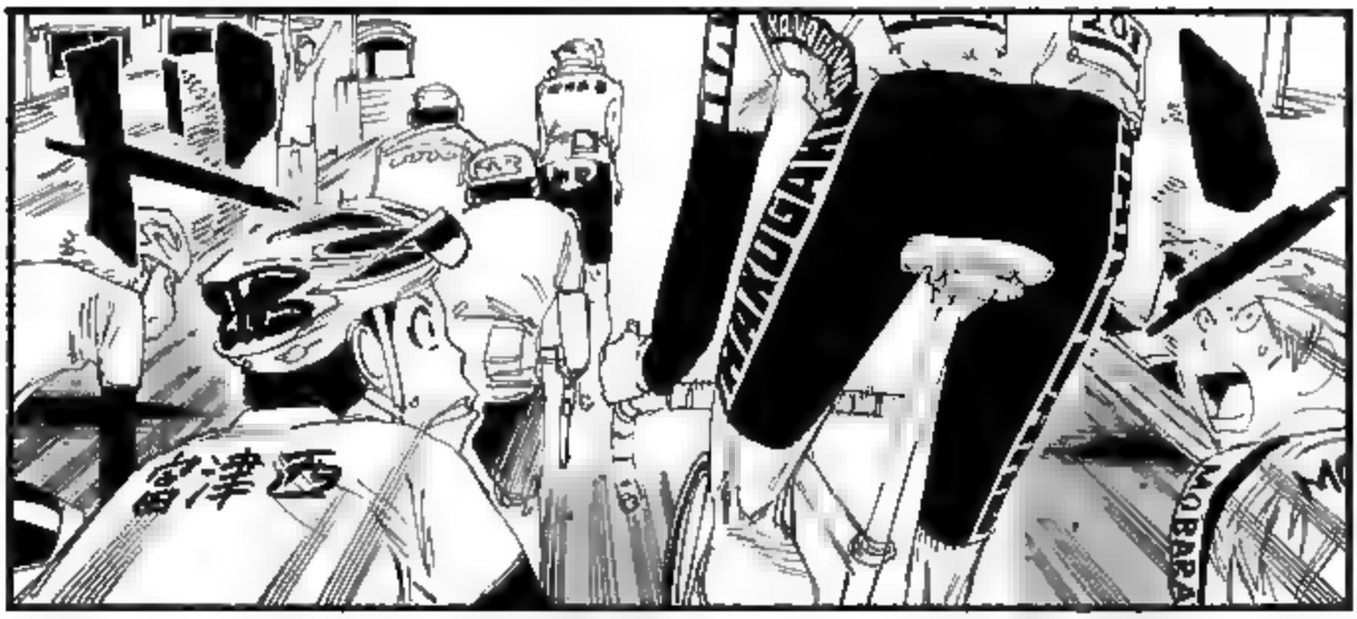

SOHO
レロレロ

THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE LIKE THAT.
I GUESS ANYTHING GOES WHEN YOU'RE A CHAMPION AT SOMETHING?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS PACE?
SOHOKU


GOOD.
AH... YES... IT'S OKAY.

YES, SIR!!
KEEP UP WITH US AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
SOHOKU


HAKOGAKU
富津西

HARADA-SAN, DO YOU KNOW THIS GIANT HAKOGAKU PERSON?
YOU'RE IN HAKO-GAKU NOW?
YOU CAME TO THIS RACE..
富津西

HIS SADDLE IS UP TO MY EYE LEVEL!
ARE YOU ASHIKIBA FROM CHIBA'S MINAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL?

HE STOOD UP?
WAAH!!
TALL!
HAKOGAKU
THIS GUY IS GOING TO GO WIN

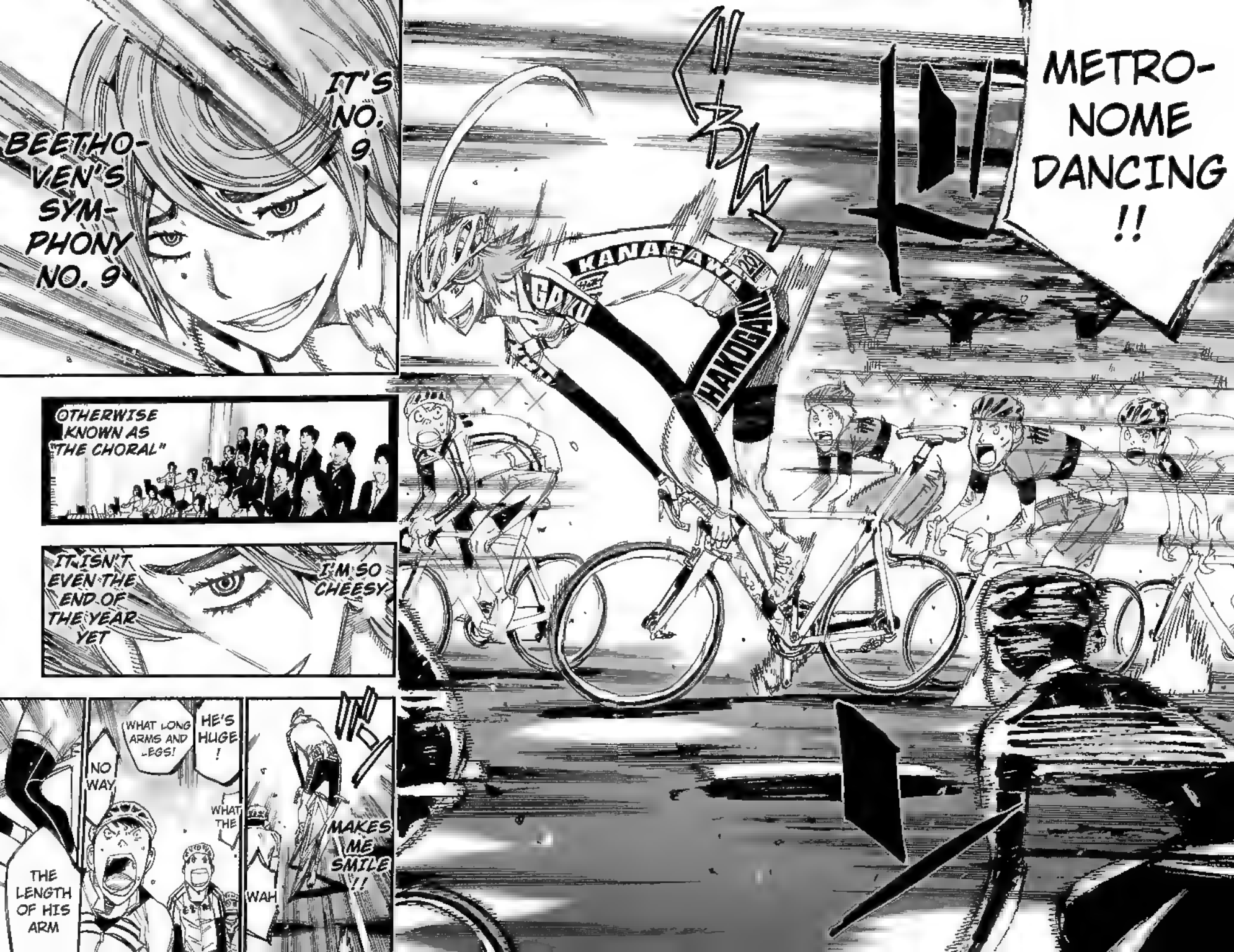
NOT TO SPY...
BUT TO CHALL-ENGE...

NO...
IS IT TO SPY ON SOHOKU?
EH?

THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN HE IS!!
HAKO
HARA

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE RACED
ミシン
GET OUT OF MY WAY
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE PEOPLE AT THE FRONT

SO I'M IN A REALLY GOOD MOOD!!
GAKU
THE CLASSICAL MUSIC IN MY HEAD
WON'T STOP PLAYING !!
HE MOVES SIDE TO SIDE
RHY-THMIC-ALLY
WITH THAT LARGE BODY OF HIS
HE'S HUGE!
WHY IS HAKODAKI HERE?!
HE'S FAST!
HE GOT PAST IN AN INSTANT!
WHAT IS THAT?
DANCING AS HE SHIFTS HIMSELF BACK AND FORTH
ALMOST LIKE
YAMATA


BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO. 9
IT'S NO. 9
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE CHORAL"
IT ISN'T EVEN THE END OF THE YEAR YET
I'M SO CHEESY
THE LENGTH OF HIS ARM
NO WAY
WHAT LONG ARMS AND LEGS!
HE'S HUGE!
WHAT THE
WAH
MAKES ME SMILE!!
METRO-NOME DANCING!!
KANAGAWA
GAKU
HAKOGAKU

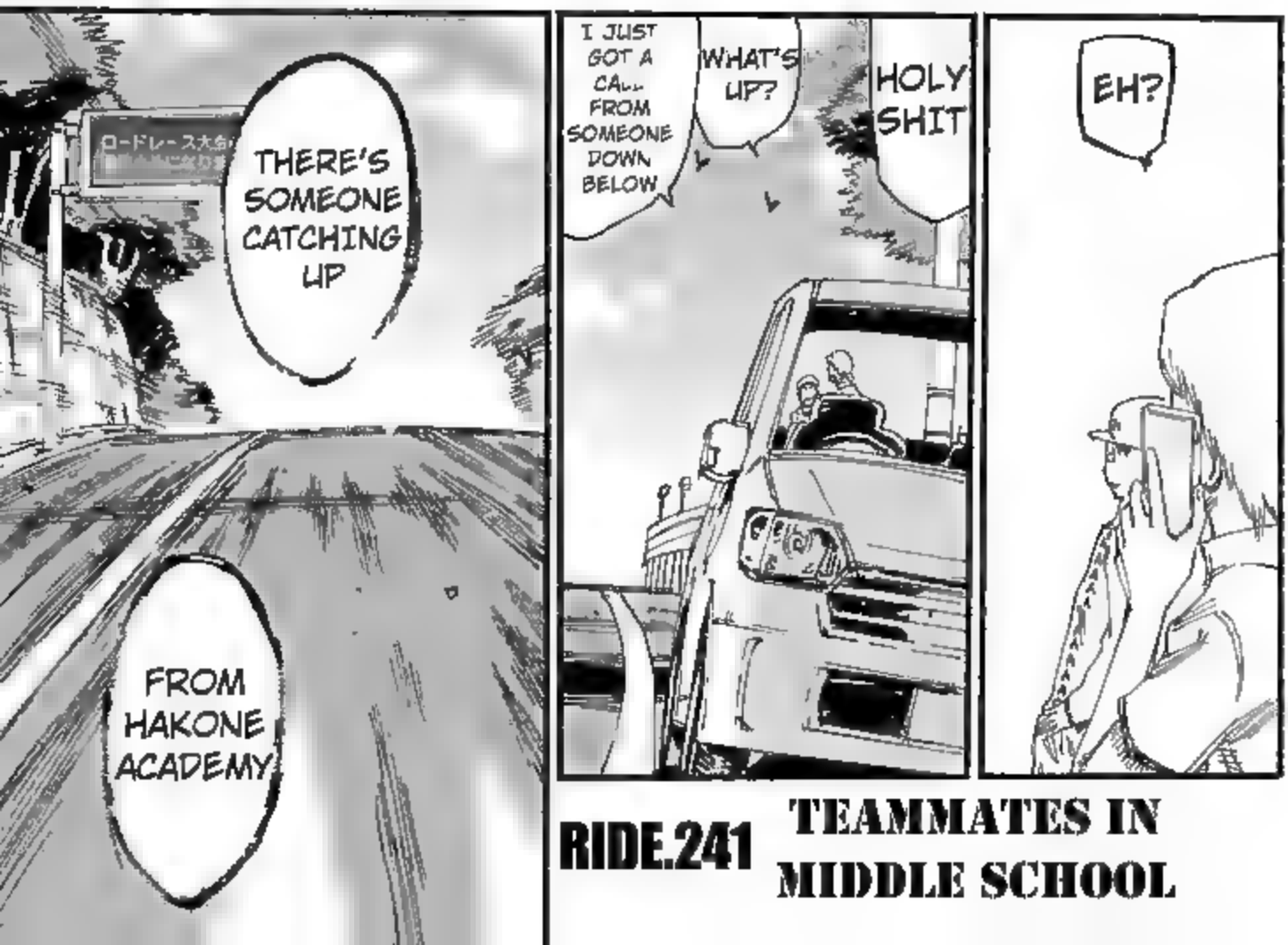
GAKU
IS AS LONG AS MY LEG!
Soccer
GAKU

HE MOVES UP ABNORMALLY FAST WITH JUST ONE SWING OF HIS BIKE!!
WHOA
THERE'S A WIND!
WAH
HE'S HUGE!
DON'T COME TO THIS YEAR'S INTER-HIGH
YOU WILL NOT BE PUT IN ANY RACES
YOU ARE ON PROBATION INDEFINITELY
I'M SORRY
I WILL GET FIRST PLACE, NO MATTER WHAT
A RACE... A RACE...
I'M IN A RACE

IS JUS-TICE!!!
箱根学園
TESHIMA-SAN, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THERE IS ONE THING
142
THAT'S BUGGING ME
BECAUSE FIRST PLACE
•VIOLIN THRUMS•
•THRUM THRUM•

EH, HAKO-GAKU?
I SAW IT ON THE PARTI-CIPANT LIST.
ONE OF HAKOGAKU'S MEMBERS, A SECOND-YEAR NAMED ASHIKIBA, IS IN THIS RACE.
LOOKS THAT WAY.
YEAH, VERY WELL.
SINCE YOU'RE ALSO A SECOND-YEAR, WOULD YOU KNOW HIM, TESHIMA-SAN?
GET READY
!!
WE WERE ON THE SAME TEAM YEARS AGO.
HE'LL BE HERE SOON!!
SOHOKU

ピー
!
SINCE THEY WON THE NATIONALS THEY'VE GOT NO COMPETITION
SOHOKU HAS WON TODAY!!
THEY LET A BUNCH OF PEOPLE AHEAD OF THEM, BUT THEY'LL CATCH UP SOON
THOSE THREE HAVE A DIFFERENT AURA!!
THE CURRENT SOHOKU'S RIDING IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS RACE!



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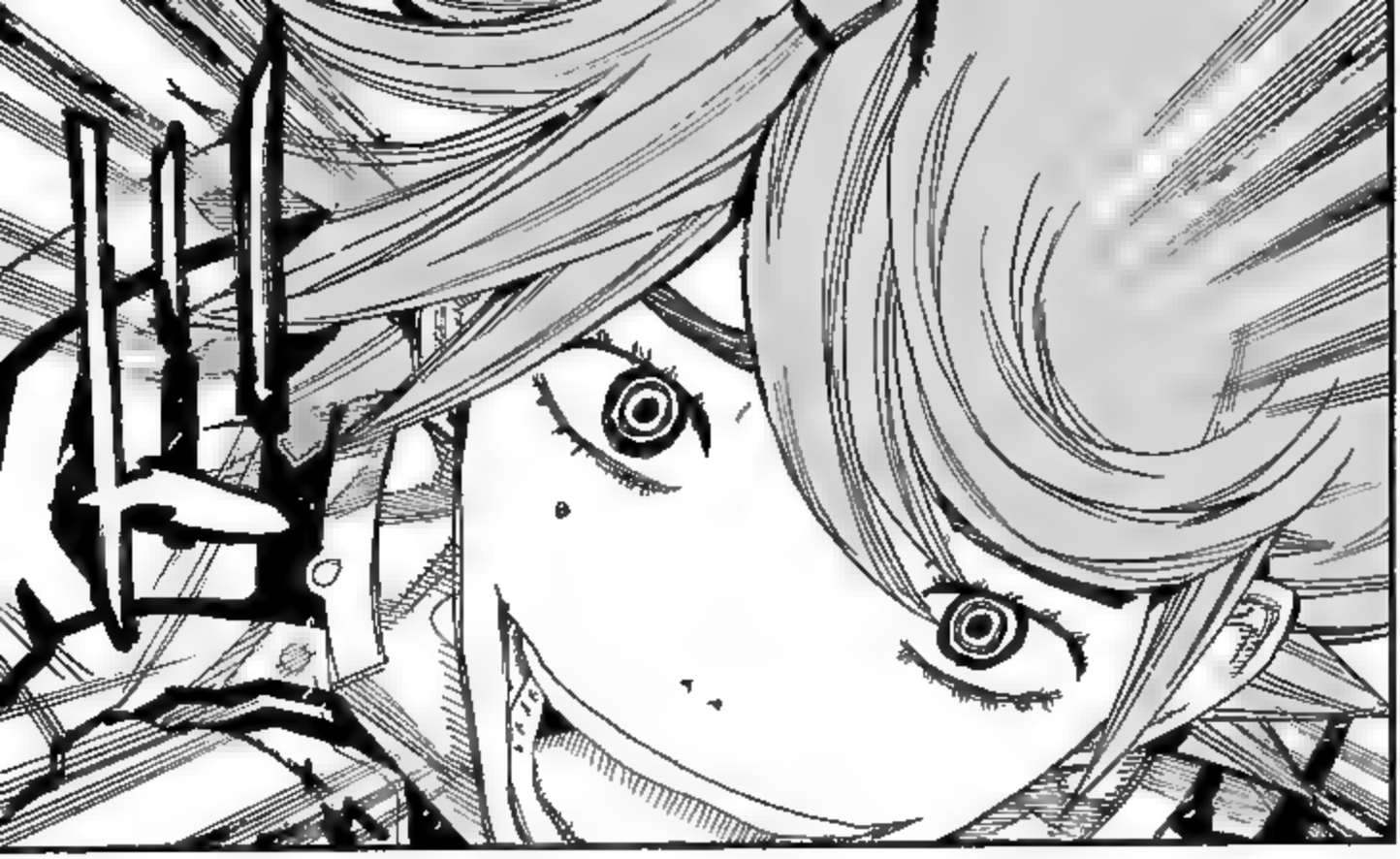
AT OVER-WHELM-ING SPEED
KYOTO
ICHINARA



A SYMPHONY IS PLAYING INSIDE MY HEAD!
"NO. 9," AS CHEESY AS THAT IS!!
WAH, FAST AND HUGE!

IT'S METRO-NOME DAN-CING!!

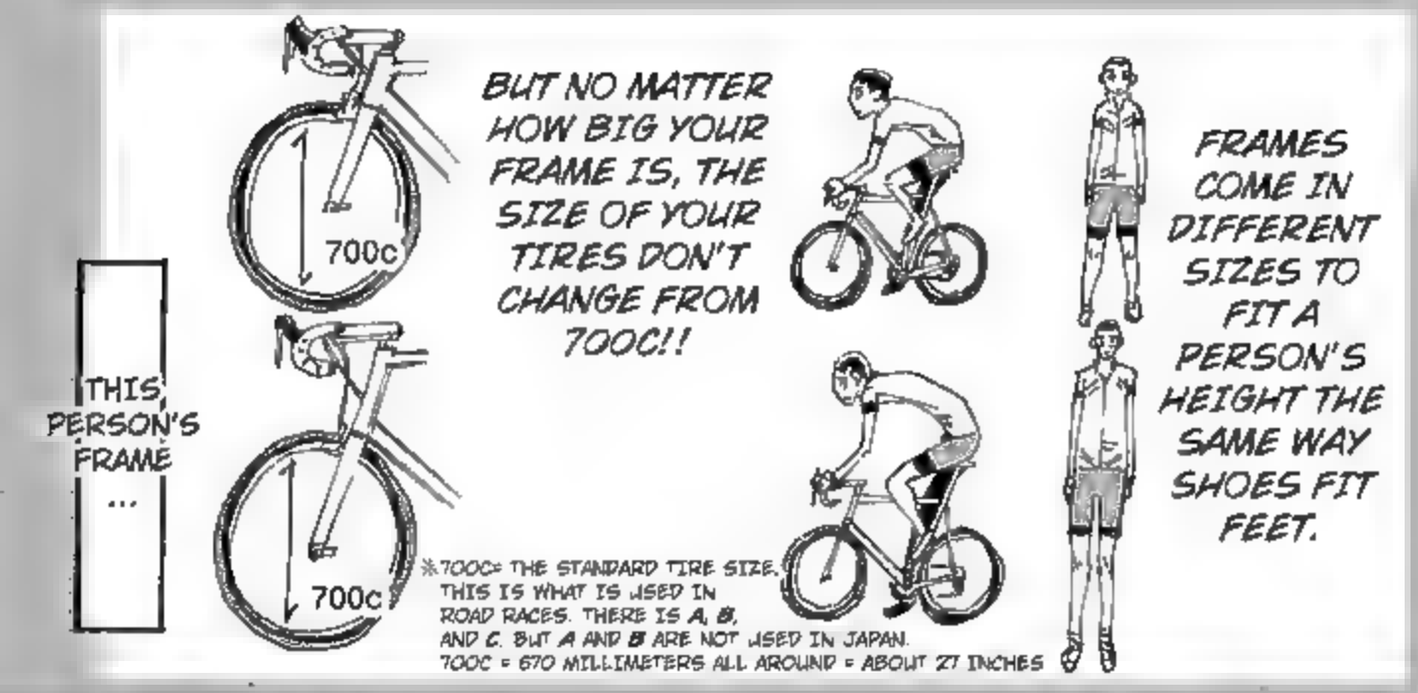
HE'S MOVING HIS TALL BODY
BACK AND FORTH
WHAT IS THAT DAN-CING?

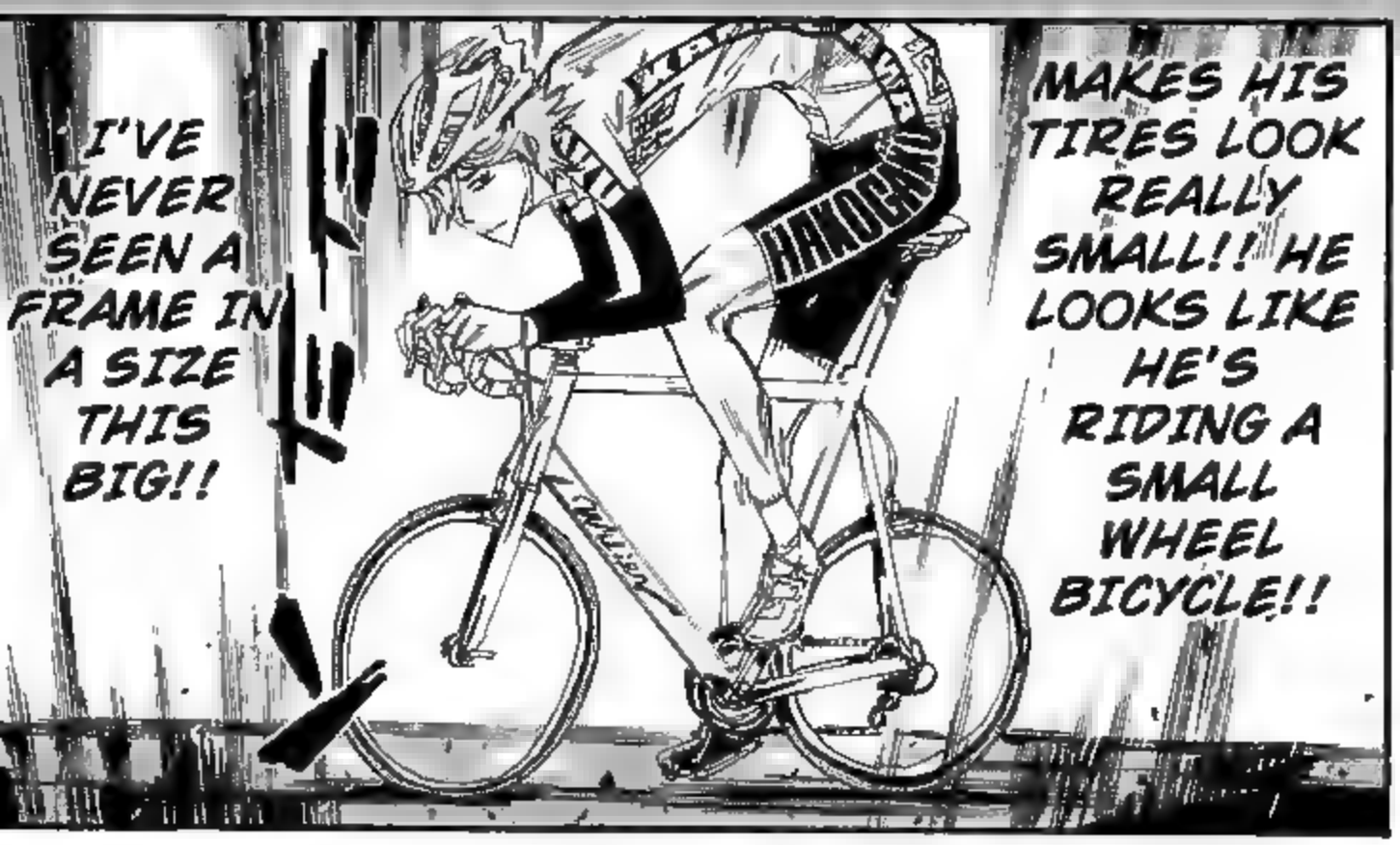
BUT THIS DAN-CING OF MINE

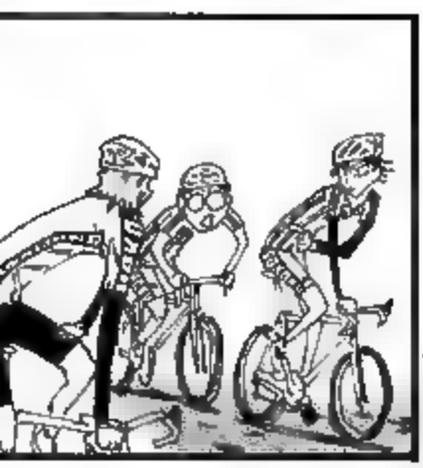
I DON'T KNOW WHO SAID IT

RIDE.241
TEAMMATES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

I CAUGHT UP...
SOHOKU
SOHOKU
SOHOKU


700c
700c
THIS PERSON'S FRAME ...
BUT NO MATTER HOW BIG YOUR FRAME IS, THE SIZE OF YOUR TIRES DON'T CHANGE FROM 700C!!
FRAMES COME IN DIFFERENT SIZES TO FIT A PERSON'S HEIGHT THE SAME WAY SHOES FIT FEET.
*700C= THE STANDARD TIRE SIZE. THIS IS WHAT IS USED IN ROAD RACES. THERE IS A, B, AND C. BUT A AND B ARE NOT USED IN JAPAN. 700C = 670 MILLIMETERS ALL AROUND = ABOUT 27 INCHES

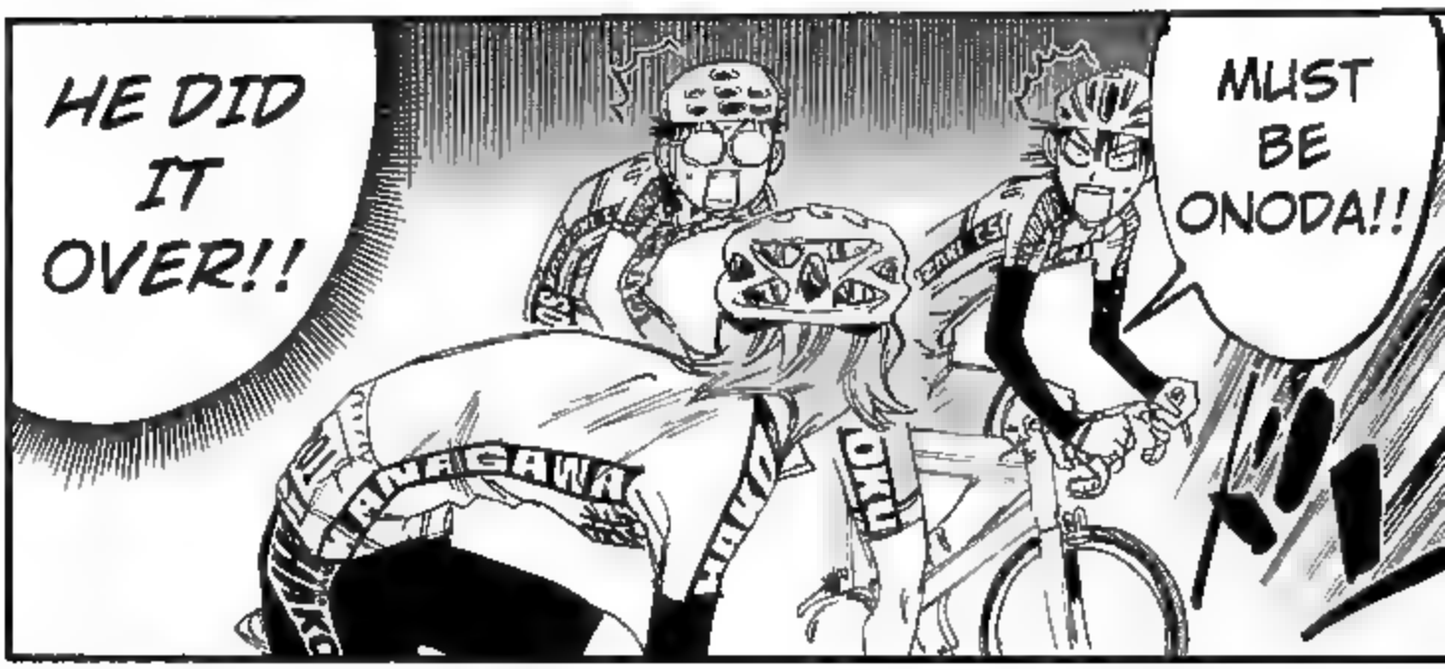

I'VE NEVER SEEN A FRAME IN A SIZE THIS BIG!!
MAKES HIS TIRES LOOK REALLY SMALL!! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S RIDING A SMALL WHEEL BICYCLE!!



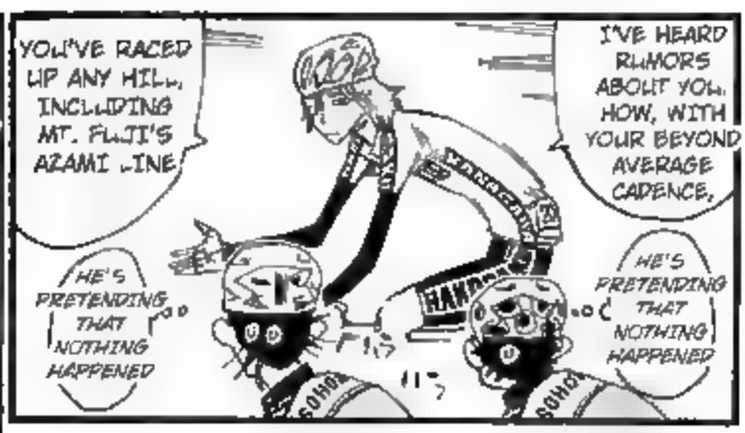
MUST BE ONODA !!

YOU

YOU!
SOHO


HE DID IT OVER!!
MUST BE ONODA!!
NARUKO
OKU

WAAAH
NARU-KO THE RED BEAN !!
SOHOKU


YOU'VE RACED UP ANY HILL, INCLUDING MT. FUJI'S AZAMI LINE
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU. HOW, WITH YOUR BEYOND AVERAGE CADENCE,
HE'S PRETENDING THAT NOTHING HAPPENED
HE'S PRETENDING THAT NOTHING HAPPENED
SOHOKU

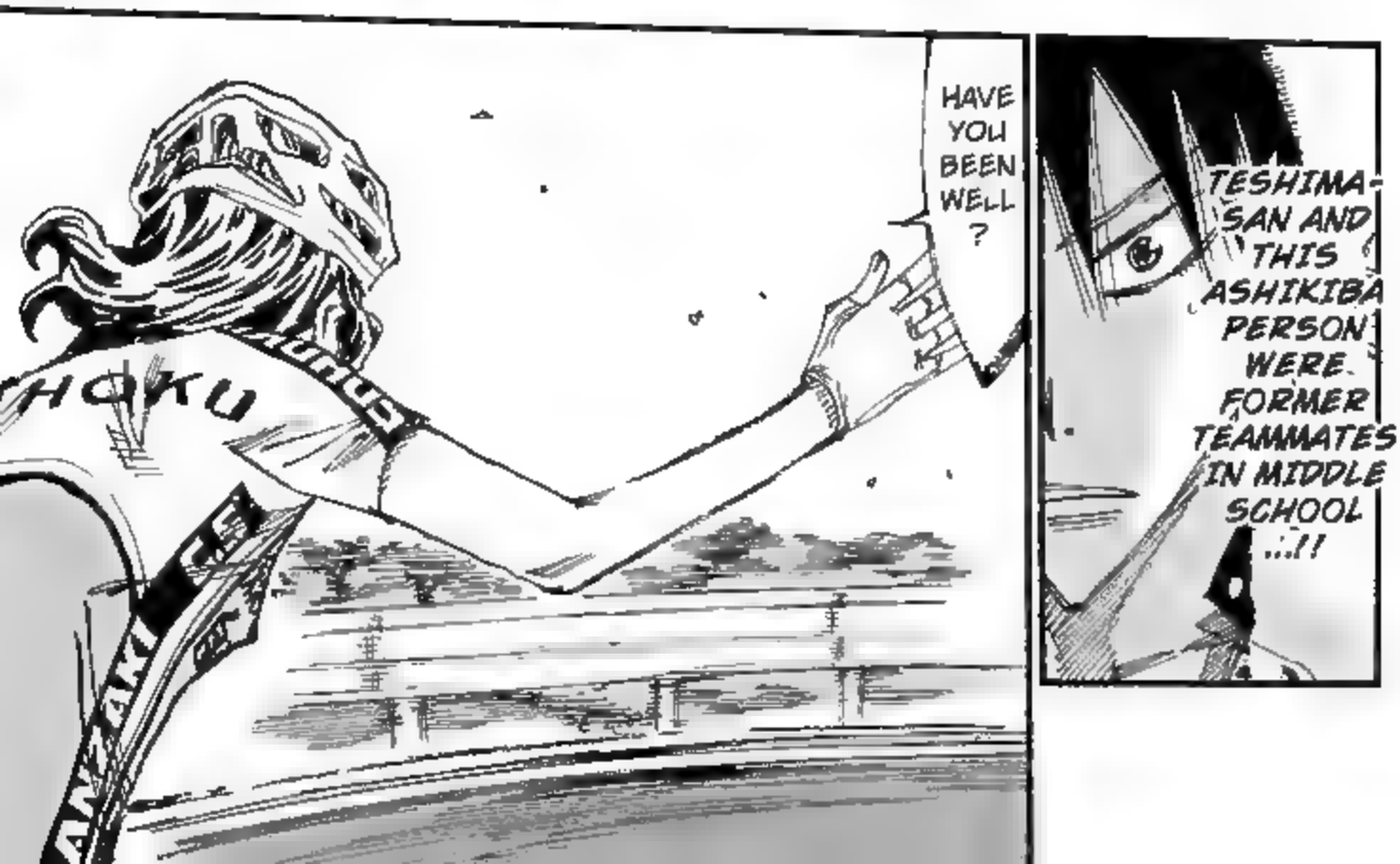
...
YES !!
THE FIRST-YEAR ..
WHICH MEANS YOU MUST BE

I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU HOW, WITH YOUR BEYOND AVERAGE GUTS AND SPRINTER LEGS, YOU CLIMBED AND CAUGHT UP TO US HAKONE ACADEMY
HE GOT IT WRONG WITH A SMUG LOOK ON HIS FACE!!
I FEEL A SENSE OF FELLOW-SHIP WITH HIM.
IS THIS PERSON A NATURAL AIRHEAD?!
IT'S HARD TO SPEAK UP AGAINST AN UPPER-CLASSMAN
"HEART THUMPING"
AND HOW, AFTER THAT YOU RETIRED HEROICALLY AND MADE A GRAND EXIT
THERE'S NOTHING BEANY ABOUT IMAIZUMI-KUN...
WHAT'S RED ABOUT ME...
YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT ME
SOHOKU
YEAH, SURE...
HM?
NO, NO, NO, YOU CAN'T!
UM... EXCUSE ME, BUT COULD I MAKE A CRACK AT WHAT YOU JUST SAID?
I HAVE SAID NOTHING FOR YOU TO MAKE A CRACK AT!!
EHHH
IT'S HARD TO TELL HIM!!

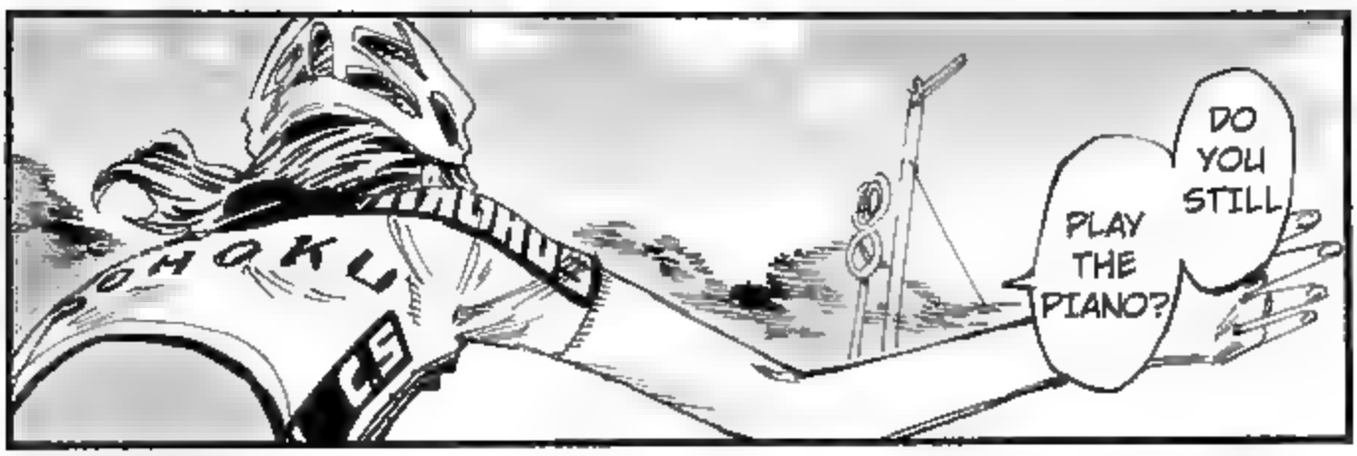
I KNOW THAT.
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HAKONE ACADEMY'S INFORMATION NETWORK.
IMAIZUMI-KUN IS GETTING WORKED UP.
SOHOKU HAS ANOTHER FIRST-YEAR.
THAT'S ME!!
SILKY-HAIRED RIDER OF THE COLNAGO, SUGIMOTO TERUFUMI!!
YES, IMA--
SOHOKU ISN'T HERE WITH ITS FULL MEMBERS?
AH AH
I'M LOWER THAN HIM.
I THOUGHT I WORKED PRETTY HARD AT IN-HIGH ...
AH... THIS IS A BIG SHOCK...

ASHI-
KIBA-
AA
!!
!
!
SOHOKU

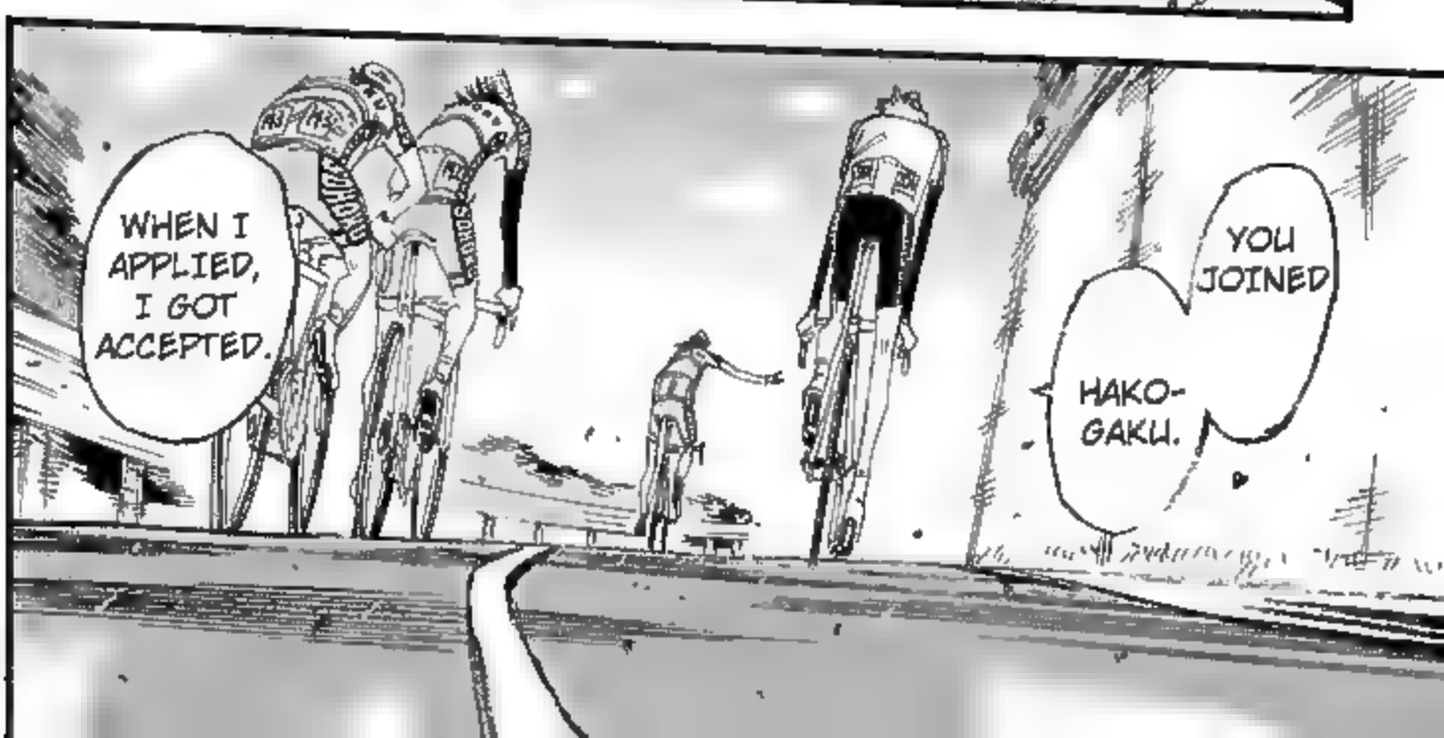
WE WERE ON THE SAME TEAM YEARS AGO.
SINCE YOU'RE ALSO A SECOND-YEAR WOULD YOU KNOW HIM, TESHIMA-SAN?
TE-
SHIMA-
SAN!!


HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
TESHIMA-SAN AND THIS ASHIKIBA PERSON WERE FORMER TEAMMATES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...!!
SOHOKU

YEAH.


HOKU
DO YOU STILL PLAY THE PIANO?

SOME-TIMES.


WHEN I APPLIED, I GOT ACCEPTED.
YOU JOINED HAKO-GAKU.

WE HUNG OUT WITH EACH OTHER OFTEN IN THE PAST.
JUN-CHAN.
YEAH.
WHOA !!
SHIKI-BA.

I LIKE HIRA-KEN.
I CAN PLAY J-POP TOO.
FOR REAL?!
THEY TOLD ME I'LL BE GOOD AT PIANO SINCE I HAVE LONG FINGERS
SHIKI-BA, YOU'RE AWE-SOME!
SO COOL!!
WOW
OH, THOSE REALLY THIN! ONES!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT ROAD BIKES ARE?
BIKES?
MAYBE YOU'LL LIKE IT TOO, SHIKIBA!
I SAW A DVD AND I THINK I'D LIKE TO TRY IT!

A MUSICAL INSTRU-MENT...!
IT LOOKS LIKE
IT'S SO COOL
THE SOUND OF THE RATCHET WHEELS
WILL MAKE YOU GO NUMB
WHAT A STRANGE GUY...
YEAH
DO YOU THINK IT WOULD MAKE A GOOD SOUND?
WITH NOTHING UNNE-CESSARY ADDED TO IT
IT'S SO THIN AND SHINY

THE THROBS !!
THE TREMORS !!
THIS
IT'S AMAZING !
THAT SOUND !
IT IS LIKE A MUSICAL INSTRU-MENT!!
THE WORLD
I'M THINKING OF RIDING AT THE WORLD LEVEL.
I THINK THAT IF I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING, IT HAS TO BE ALL-OUT
JUST SAYIN'
IT MAKES YOU LAUGH, DOESN'T IT?
BECAUSE IT'S TOO BIG OF A GOAL?

NO, IT DOESN'T !!
THAT'S AMAZ-ING !!
YOU LOOK REALLY COOL !!
I SUPPORT YOU
THEN I'LL KEEP RIDING!!
I'LL GRAB THE TOP !!
JUN-CHAN !!
LET'S GRAB THE TOP
AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES, YOU'LL BE THERE WITH ME...

JUN-CHAN
SHI-KIBA
"WITH ME..."

AND I LEARNED THAT YOU... HAD JOINED HAKONE ACADEMY...
IT HONESTLY SHOOK ME UP WHEN I SAW YOUR NAME IN THE PARTICIPANTS' LIST
ME TOO... WHEN I HEARD THAT JUN-CHAN HAD BECOME SOHOKU'S CAPTAIN...

BECAUSE, THAT'S HOW BIG OF AN ABILITY YOU HAVE.
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE WELL FIT FOR THE JOB.
WHEN I SAID THAT WE'D GRAB THE TOP TOGETHER?
DO YOU REMEMBER
SO I WILL HAVE TO FIGHT
I'M SOHOKU'S CAPTAIN NOW I'M THEIR PILLAR OF SUPPORT
BUT
YEAH. OF COURSE.

SAME HERE ...
WITH YOU, ASHIKIBA, AND WITH HAKONE ACADEMY
BE-CAUSE I'M GOING
TO BE HAKONE ACADEMY'S... NEXT ACE
THEIR NEXT ACE...!!

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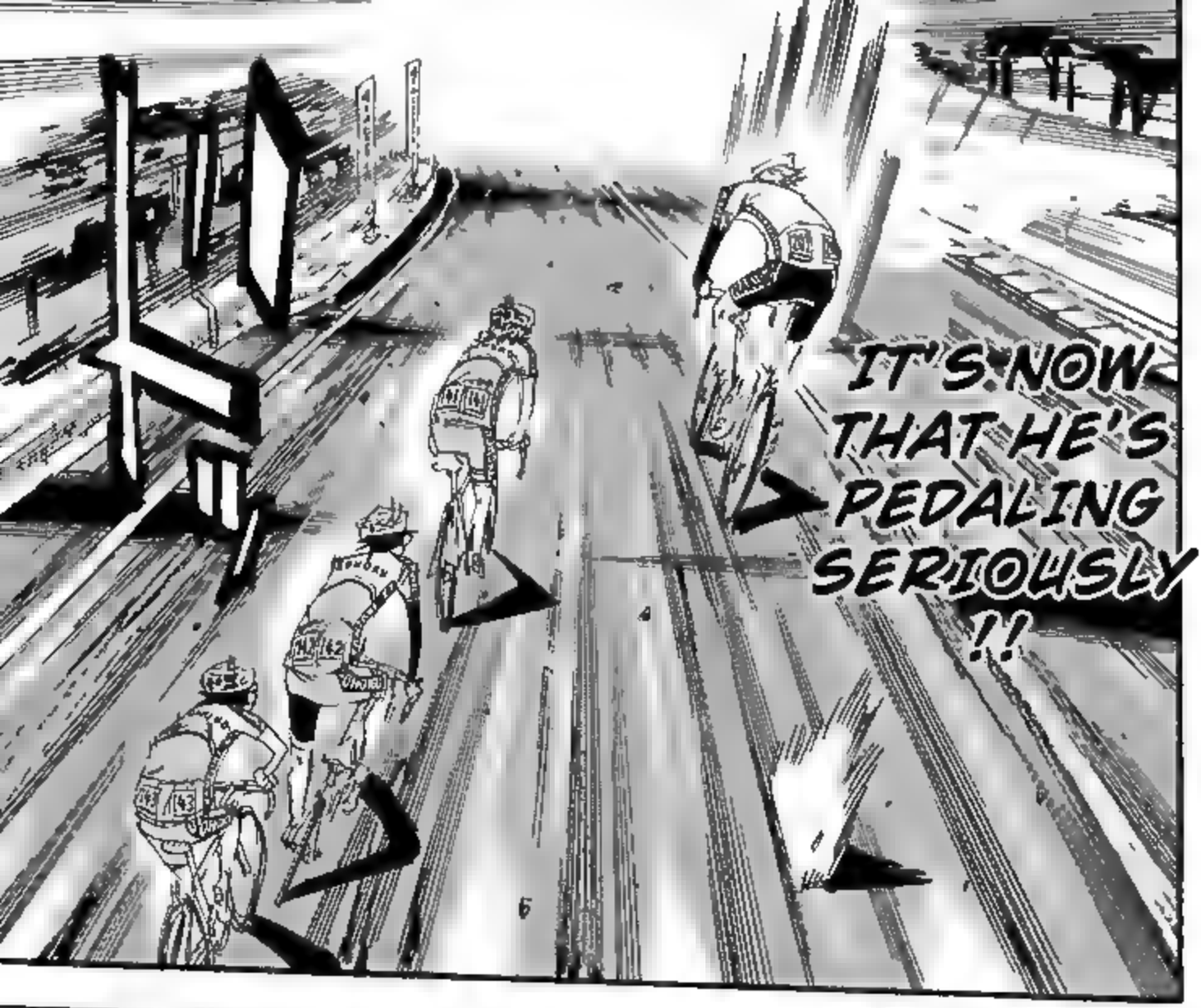
HAKO
HAK
...WHICH MEANS
EVERY TIME HE TURNS THE CRANK, IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S CUTTING THROUGH WIND!!
SINCE THIS PERSON IS SO TALL, THE LENGTH OF THE JOINTS OF HIS LEG TO HIS KNEE ARE INCREDIBLY LONG
NO, WAIT... HE WASN'T MAKING THAT SOUND BEFORE!!


IT'S NOW THAT HE'S PEDALING SERIOUSLY !!

I OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO MY SENPAI AT HAKONE ACADEMY
BUT
I WOULD MUCH RATHER JOIN IT INSTEAD
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THE TEAM THAT YOU'VE MADE, JUN-CHAN
JUN-CHAN
THAT'S INCREDIBLE PRESSURE !!
SHIKI-BA

I CAME HERE BECAUSE I TOLD THEM THAT I WOULD WIN!!
KANAGAWA
GAKU
WHAT IS THAT DANCING?
HE SWAYS LEFT AND RIGHT...!!
LOOK AT THAT SPEED!
TESHIMA-SAN, HAKONE ACADEMY IS BREAKING AWAY!!
HE MOVES UP SO MUCH WITH JUST ONE TURN!!
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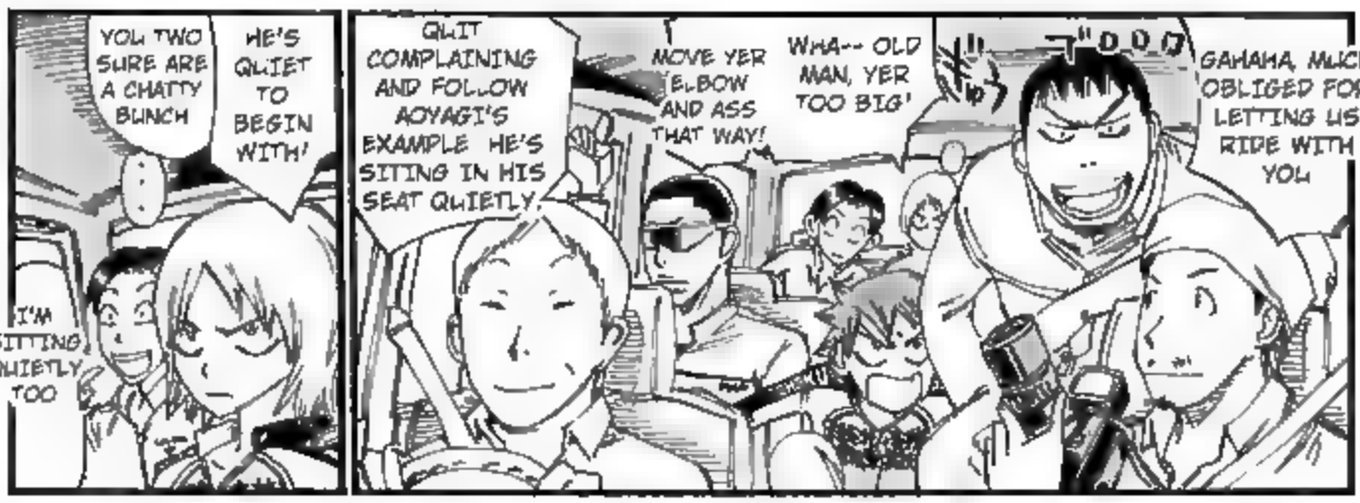
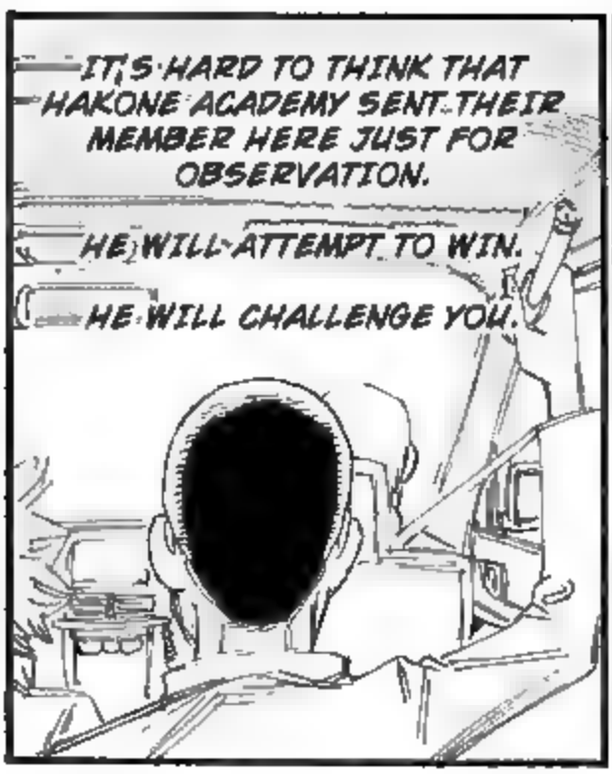
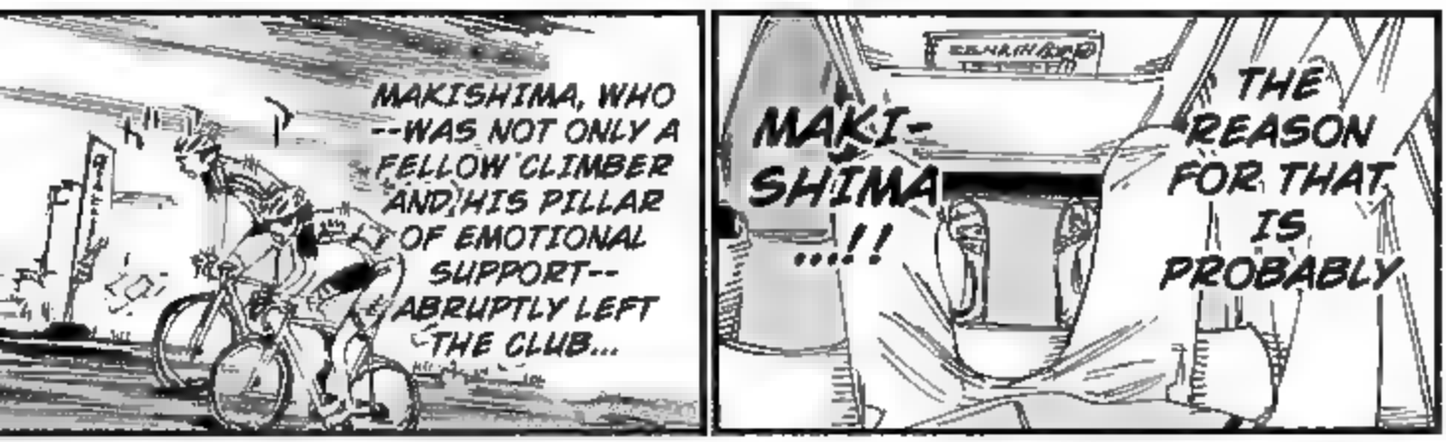

YOU TWO SURE ARE A CHATTY BUNCH
HE'S QUIET TO BEGIN WITH!
I'M SITTING QUIETLY TOO
QUIT COMPLAINING AND FOLLOW AOYAGI'S EXAMPLE HE'S SITING IN HIS SEAT QUIETLY.
MOVE YER ELBOW AND ASS THAT WAY!
WHA-- OLD MAN, YER TOO BIG!
GAHAHA, MUCH OBLIGED FOR LETTING US RIDE WITH YOU


IT'S HARD TO THINK THAT HAKONE ACADEMY SENT THEIR MEMBER HERE JUST FOR OBSERVATION.
HE WILL ATTEMPT TO WIN.
HE WILL CHALLENGE YOU.

TE-SHI-MA ...!!

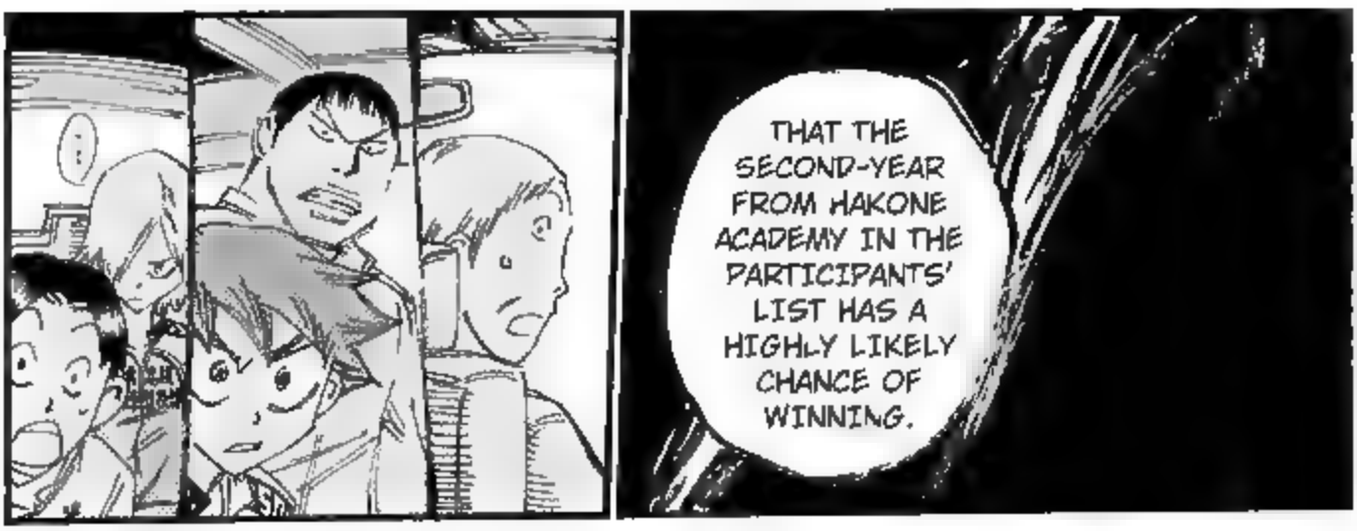
BONTRAGER

HE IS STILL ONLY ABLE TO BRING OUT 30% OF ITS POWER.
WITH HIS NEW BIKE THAT WILL BECOME A GREAT ASSET
ONODA IS NOT IN HIS BEST CONDITION.


MAKISHIMA, WHO --WAS NOT ONLY A FELLOW CLIMBER AND HIS PILLAR OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT-- ABRUPTLY LEFT THE CLUB...
MAKI-SHIMA ...!!
THE REASON FOR THAT IS PROBABLY

AS FORMER CAPTAIN, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THIS RACE?
KINJOU-KUN
YES?
WHICH OF THE THREE AMONG SOHOKU'S MEMBERS--
YOU'LL BE LEFT BEHIND IF YOU DON'T KEEP MOVING FORWARD !!
BUT THAT WON'T CHANGE NO MATTER HOW REGRETFUL YOU FEEL.
YOU NEED TO KEEP MOVING ON DESPITE THAT.
THAT IS ROAD RACING.

MAYBE IMAIZUMI-KUN?
BUT IT'S POSSI-BLE
THIS IS MY PERSONAL OPINION
DO YOU THINK ONODA-KUN?
I DON'T KNOW!
I THINK IT'S


THAT THE SECOND-YEAR FROM HAKONE ACADEMY IN THE PARTICIPANTS' LIST HAS A HIGHLY LIKELY CHANCE OF WINNING.

NO, NO, NO, WE'RE THE KINGS! THERE'S NO WAY THAT CHAMPIONS LIKE US WILL...
THE DRIVER STOMPED HIS FOOT ON THE PEDAL!!
LET'S GO A LITTLE FASTER, SHALL WE!
DON'T LOSE CONFID-ENCE!!

WHETHER THE NEW SOHOKU WILL SINK OR SWIM FROM HERE.
I THINK THAT THIS RACE WILL DECIDE

PANT
PANT
GAKU
AND THERE'S ONE PERSON STICKING CLOSE TO HIM!!
HE'S TALL
HE CAUGHT UP TO ME
DAMN
DAMN IT! I BROKE AWAY TO WIN THE RACE BUT

IT'S SO-HOKU !!
CAPTAIN TESHIMA !!
ASHI-KIBA-AA!!
TESHIMA-SAN!! HE'S FAST!!
WE COULDN'T RESPOND AT ALL
BUT HE RESPONDED IN AN INSTANT AND STUCK CLOSE

TOHOKU
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TOHOKU
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE COULD GO THIS FAST!!!
THE TESHIMA-SAN THAT I KNEW WOULD ALREADY BE...
THIS IS NO COMPARISON TO HOW HE WAS BEFORE IN THE TRAINING CAMP
WHAT THE HECK!!

HAA AAAA AAAA !!

OOOH
!!
!!
KANAGAWA
GAKU
!!

WE ARE THE KINGS
YOU'RE NOT TAKING MINEGA-YAMA'S TITLE FROM US!!
SHI-KI-BA!!
JUN-CHAN ...
GAKU
YOU'RE AMAZING, JUN-CHAN! YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING!
MY SENPAI WHO WENT TO GO SPY ON YOUR TRAINING CAMP AT CSP THIS YEAR SAID
"THAT SECOND-YEAR TESHIMA ISN'T ALL THAT IMPRESSIVE"
THOSE GUYS ARE GONNA EAT THEIR WORDS AFTER THIS!!
I COULDN'T SAY IT OUT LOUD TO THEM, BUT I KNEW THAT IT WASN'T TRUE!!
CAN YOU MAKE IT?!
YOU KNOW WHAT'S UP AHEAD
ON THE LAST FOUR KILO-METERS!
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IN THE PAST, WE'D OFTEN CLIMB IT TOGETHER
AND GET FRUST-RATED BE-CAUSE OUR LEGS GAVE OUT
MINEGA-YAMA'S FAMOUS
18%

18%
HILL THAT GOES UP LIKE A WALL!!
18%
HAKOGAWA
SOHMA
WOW
IS PLAYING BEETHOVEN'S "FATE"!!
RIGHT NOW, THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD
ASHI-KIBA
HE'S STRONG!!
HE'S DEFINITELY OF THE "ACE" LEVEL! HE'S STILL GOT POWER IN RESERVE IN HIS RIDING
HE'S GOTTEN FAR STRONGER THAN HE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

I AM SOHOKU'S
PANT
BUT!!
GRIT
SOHOKU
CAPTAIN!!
AGAWA
HAKO
I CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO DROP ME HERE!!

I'M NO GOOD AT SUDDEN CHANGES IN SLOPE ANGLE!!
THE SAME HILL WHERE NARUKO LOST SPEED IN THE FIRST-YEAR RACE...!!
SOHOKU
BURN-ING UP ...!!
I'M
WHAT'S THIS
RIGHT NOW, MY BREATH
WHEN I THINK ABOUT JUST HOW HARD HE MUST HAVE PRACTICED ...
BY TESHIMA-SAN'S RIDING...!!
IS BEING TAKEN AWAY!!

AMA-
ZING
ONODA
TESHIMA-
SAN IS
AMAZING
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SOHO
HE'S
AMAZING
...!!

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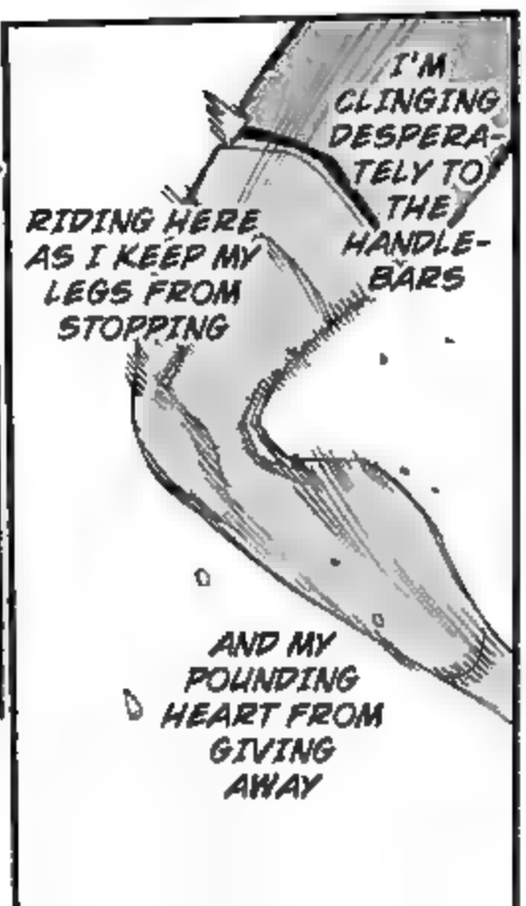
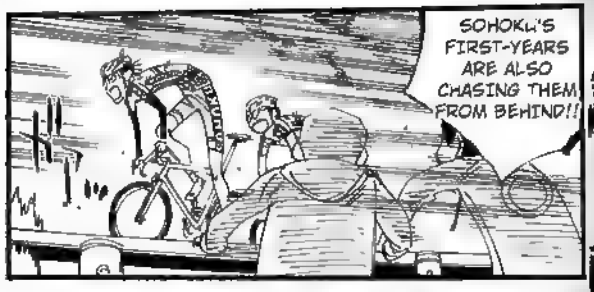

I'M CLINGING DESPERA-TELY TO THE HANDLE-BARS
RIDING HERE AS I KEEP MY LEGS FROM STOPPING
AND MY POUNDING HEART FROM GIVING AWAY



YOU'RE RIGHT. THE HAKOGAKU MEMBER RIDING AT THE TOP
AND IT'S ONLY 2 KILO-METERS LEFT
I'M A SOHOKU FAN, BUT I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'LL WIN.
THE CHASERS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE IN A LOT OF PAIN

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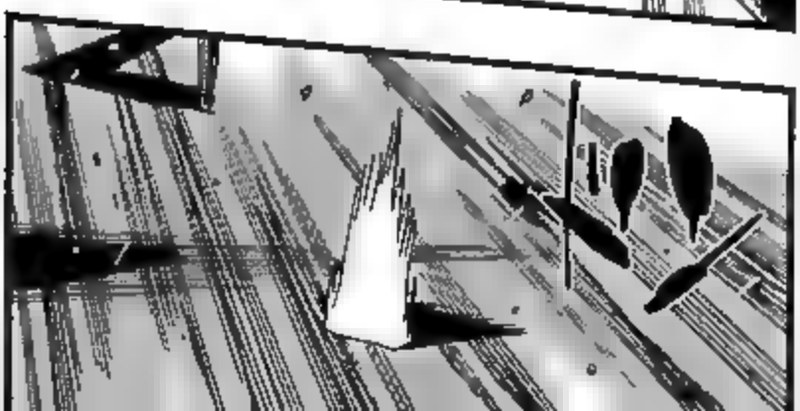
"FATE"

IT'S BEETHO-VEN'S
CLAS-SICAL MUSIC
SYM-PHONY NO. 9
I CAN HEAR IT...!



ARE HERE
YOU
KEEP STRUGGLING, JUNTA
METRO-NOME DANCING !!
HERE !!

BECAUSE MAKI-SHIMA-SAN TRUSTED YOU TO CLIMB, REMEM-BER?!
HAAAA

SHI-
KI-
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YOU LINED UP WITH ME AGAIN ..!!
JUN-CHAN
YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING
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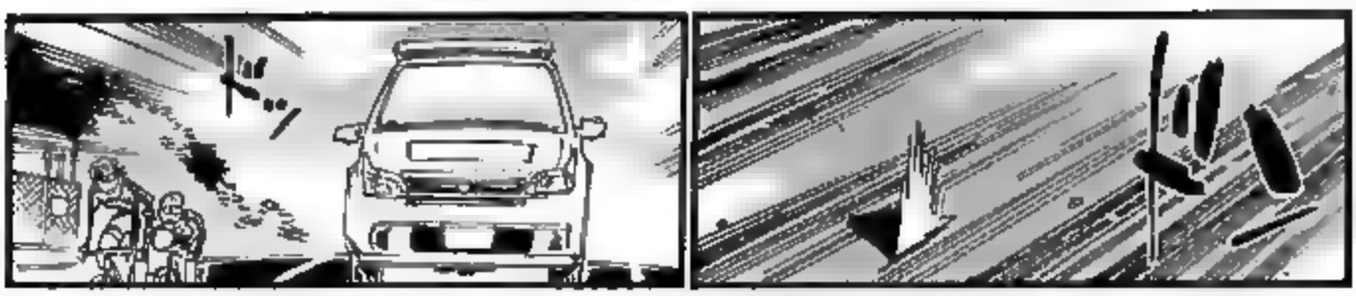
HAA-
AAA-
AA-
AA
KEEP STRUG-GLING !!
SHI-KI-BA-AA !!



YES, THE CAR HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO THE FRONT
SHINJUKU
'E CAUGHT UP!!
PERM-
SENPAI IS INCRE-DIBLE
KU !!
NO, YOU IDIOT (YA MORON), I MEAN TESHIMA (-SAN) HAS CAUGHT UP TO HAKOGAKU!!

I'VE NEVER SEEN 'IM BEFORE
WHO IS HE?
HAKO-GAKU IS IN THE LEAD?
HE'S A GIANT!!

TESHIMA!!

JUNTA!!
AND HE'S ALWAYS PRAISING OTHERS
HE'S A TALL GUY WITH A KIND HEART
I USED TO GO BIKING WITH HIM A LOT.
A CLASSMATE OF MINE IS IN THIS RACE.
FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL
A CLASS-MATE?
YEAH
WE PROMISED THAT WE'D GRAB THE TOP TOGETHER
HE'S A TEAM-MATE?
THAT I'M TELLING YOU THIS
THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME
WE'RE ENEMIES
UNFOR-TUNATELY, TODAY
BUT
高校
競技部

SHIT, SOHOKU IS GETTING FIRED UP!
THEY LOOK STRONG
JUNTA ...
YES, SIR!
YES, SIR!
LET'S GO, SOHOKU !!
IMA-IZUMI! ONODA!

"HAKONE ACADEMY'S SECOND-YEAR ASHIKIBA

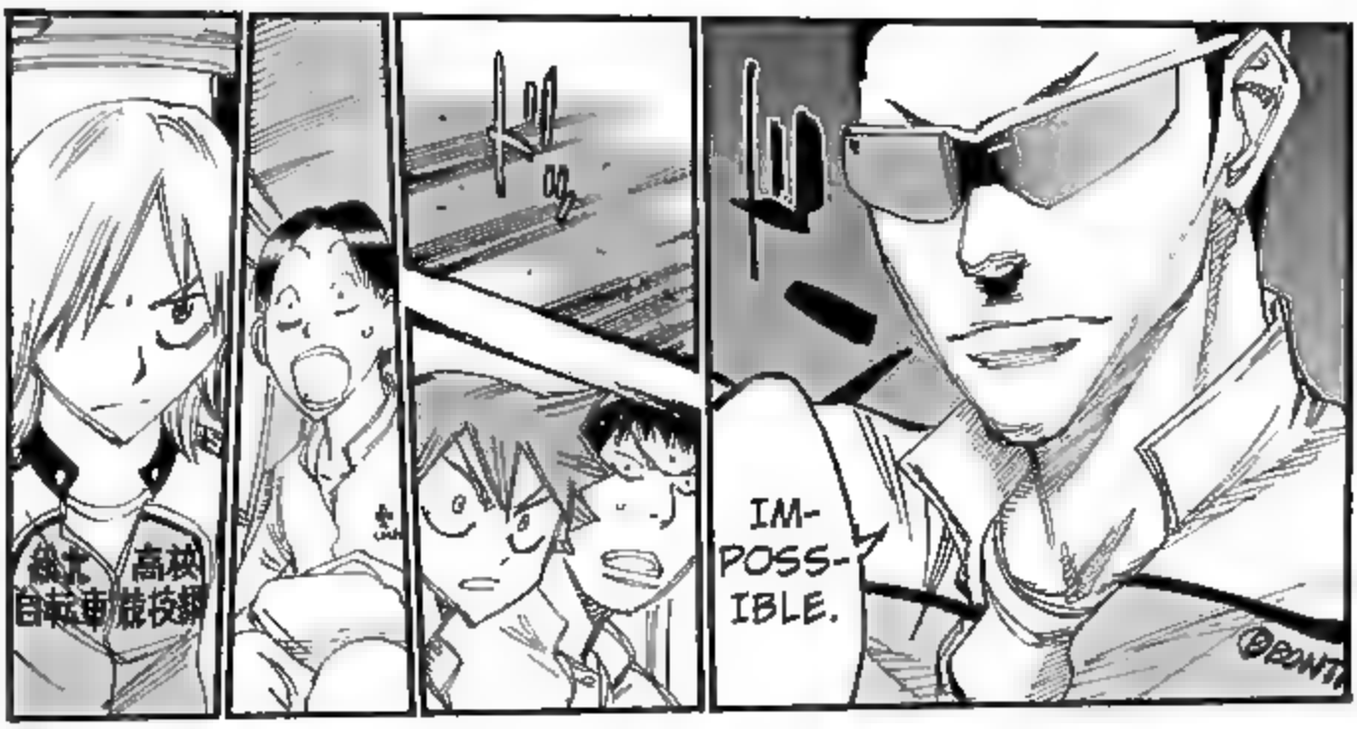
JUNTA ...
BUT I CAN TELL
AS "CAPTAIN" ...!!
SO YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION ...
A BATTLE WITH A FRIEND... JUNTA...

YOU'RE ALMOST AT YOUR LIMIT, AREN'T YOU?!
KANAGI
PAKU
SOKO

HAA-
AAA-
AAA-
AA
AAA
OH MY GOD!! PERM-SENPAI !!
HE'S STILL HANG-ING ON!!

1.5 KILO-METERS LEFT!!
GA HA HA
IS MAKING MY HANDS SHAKE
THAT GUTSY RIDING
I'M SORRY, TESHI-MA-SAN.
!
TO BE HONEST
I THOUGHT YA WEREN'T WORTH MUCH AND I MADE FUN OF YA
LOOK AT THIS, OLD MAN
YOU DIDN'T TEACH THEM HOW TO CLIMB!
OF COURSE IT IS! AFTER ALL, IT WAS ME WHO TRAINED TESHIMA AND AOYAGI!!
GA HA HA

FROM HERE TO THE GOAL!!
YEAH!!
I THINK HE'S GONNA MAKE IT!!


IM-POSS-IBLE.

EVEN MAKI-SHIMA HIMSELF SAID BEFORE
THAT TESHIMA HAS NEITHER THE TALENT NOR THE SENSE FOR HILL CLIMBS
WHEN IT COMES TO CLIMBING, HE IS AVERAGE.
AN AVERAGE PERSON HAS LIMITS.
WHAT THE HELL, KINJOU-SAN, DON'T BE SO COLD!
YA SHOULD BE CHEERING FOR HIM!!
CALM DOWN, NARUKO
DIDN'T THAT RIDING OF HIS TOUCH YER SOUL?!

NO
THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE.
ARE YA SAYIN' THAT SOHOKU IS GONNA LOSE?!
TO THAT HAKO-GAKU BEAN POLE?!
TESHIMA'S RIDING IS BEING CONVEYED
BECAUSE JUST AS YOU WERE TOUCHED
MOST CERTAINLY
EVEN MORESO THAN US

THE INTEN-
SITY OF TE-
SHI-
MA'S VIBRA-
TIONS!!
TO THOSE TWO RIDING BEHIND HIM!!

HOW IS HE ABLE TO KEEP UP?!
I'M BURNING UP
WHAT IS THAT RIDING STYLE?
I'M SHAKING ...
RIGHT NOW
IMA-IZUMI-KUN
I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO REACH TESHIMA-SAN

ONODA!!
GIVE HIM A GENTLE PUSH
IF ONODA EVER SAYS THAT HE WANTS TO MOVE UP IN THIS RACE
IF IMA-IZUMI
YES?
IMA-IZUMI-KUN
TESHIMA-SAN OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEM!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK YOUR FEELINGS
IF YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO GO

ONODA-KUN IS MOVING UP
HE'S CHASING THEM FROM BACK HERE!!
HOTSHOT SENT OFF ONODA-KUN...
TESHIMA'S RIDING IS AVERAGE
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY IT TOUCHES THOSE AROUND HIM
AAAH
TURN INTO "STRENGTH"
AND MAKES THE TREMBLING
OKAY
SOHOKU
THEN GO STRAIGHT FOR IT, ONODA SAKA-MICHI!!

SO THAT IS YOUR RIDING AS CAPTAIN !!
TE-SHIMA ...
TO TEAM-MATES !!
STRENGTH WILL ALWAYS BE TRANSMITTED ALONG
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KANZAKI
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ISN'T OVER YET!!
DON'T WORRY, NARU-KO. THIS RACE
ONODA ...!!
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